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**MAN SHOULD NOT DIE**  
There Is No Physiological Reason  
For Death.

**THE BODY IS SELF RENEWING**  
Perfect Diet and Mode of Living Would  
Insure Exact Balance Between  
Bodily Waste and Renewal and  
Would Mean Physical Immortality.

"The last enemy that shall be de-  
stroyed is death," said the Scriptures,  
yet if some man attempted seriously  
to reassert this ancient truth today we  
would look upon him as a mad prophet  
indeed. Yet the time will come when  
men will be able to believe this prom-  
ise of the Bible, although they may  
never see it literally fulfilled.

Death some day will be acknowl-  
edged to be as unnatural in the econ-  
omy of the creative plan as are sin  
and suffering. But whether or not in  
some millennium period mortal man  
will be able to forego the gross pro-  
cess of physical dissolution in becom-  
ing a spiritual being is a purely meta-  
physical question that does not enter  
here. What does interest us is the  
question, occupying the greatest sci-  
entific minds today, whether the body  
as such cannot be retained in perfect  
condition indefinitely.

William A. Hammond, one of the  
great authorities, answers it by say-  
ing, "There is no physiological reason  
why man should die."

Thomas J. Allen, M. A., LL. D., writ-  
ing in a similar strain, says: "The hu-  
man body is not like a machine which  
must wear out by constant disintegra-  
tion, for it is self renewing. It is a  
simple, scientific fact that we get an  
entirely new body every few years.  
Estimated at from three to seven.  
Every day is a birthday, for the pro-  
cess of waste and renewal never ceases.  
Perfect balance between elimination  
and renewal would avoid permanent  
waste."

There is no doubt that when we be-  
come more enlightened and understand  
perfectly the laws that govern and de-  
termine our physical lives and when  
we conform to these religiously life  
will be immeasurably prolonged.

The decay of the body as evidenced  
in old age is unnatural. The aesthetic  
within us recoils in merely contemplat-  
ing its approach. We feel that there  
must be something self perpetrating in  
the change when the strong color in a  
healthy man and the fresh beauty in a  
pure woman take their departure,  
when the bloom on the cheeks fade,  
when the brilliant light within the eyes  
grows dim and the full, red lips become  
pale and fallen.

Medical science has pointed out the  
physiological cause of these conditions.  
Probably the time will come when it  
will be able to point out the manner of  
avoiding them.

We know that the body grows old be-  
cause of the existence of an imperfect  
balance between the waste which the  
body accumulates and the amount it is  
able to throw off. During youth the  
balance is perfect, because the body  
has more than its normal vitality and  
strength to throw off the waste matter,  
but as we grow older this perfect bal-  
ance becomes destroyed from one cause  
or another.

The strength that should go to elim-  
inating impurities from the body is not  
distributed, but rather squandered in  
different ways. Then, too, we eat and  
drink those things that cause excessive  
waste. An impure diet composed of  
foods containing uric acid, such as  
meat, or of drinks containing poisons,  
such as tea and coffee, taxes the elim-  
inative powers, and when the time

comes when these give way a state of  
imperfect elimination has set in, and the  
wastes in part are deposited in the sys-  
tem, settling in the arteries and joints  
of the body and accumulating until  
they become obstructive elements.

The blood stream circulates imper-  
fectly, and when once this condition  
exists bad functioning of every organ  
of the body results, and old age and  
death gradually ensue.

Mind, too, has a great deal to do in  
hastening or retarding the unpleasant  
signs of physical decay. Mental sci-  
ence has satisfactorily demonstrated  
that mean, narrow, selfish and unpleas-  
ant thoughts act destructively on the  
tissues of the body, while thoughts of a  
wholesome and positive character act  
constructively.

And when the curtains of "the win-  
dows of the soul" are drawn, when the  
temple's door is closed and a final sil-  
ence is within, when the spirit passes  
the threshold to take up a newer and  
finer edifice of its own creation, science  
assures us that the body lives on.  
Here at least physical immortality is  
an assured fact.

Theology has irreligiously taught us  
that the body returns to inanimate  
dust. The religious answer of science  
is that it returns to God. The latest  
word in the field of biology is that all  
nature, including the all mother soil,  
is animated and hallowed with the di-  
vine principle of life.

More than this, matter is indestructi-  
ble and eternal. There is not an atom  
that can be lost in all the universe.  
For this reason our bodies do not really  
die. They are in the care of the angels  
of the elements.

The peculiar cellular arrangement  
that formed them into a beautiful body  
may be caused to disintegrate through  
the action of the oxygen upon it, time  
may change the position of the atoms  
composing it, but the latter still con-  
tain within themselves the sacred and  
eternal principle of life as much as  
does the soul, and they exist only to  
enter into new and perhaps more beau-  
tiful combinations of life.—Health.

**SHOOTING THE SUN.**  
Simplest Way of Locating a Ship's  
Position at Sea.

The average transatlantic traveler  
displays very little interest in the na-  
vigation of the vessel beyond watching  
the ship's officers, sextant in hand,  
making observations, says a writer in  
Travel Magazine. Very few have any  
idea of the process by means of which  
the modern navigator is enabled to ac-  
curately place the ship's position at a  
stated time on the chart. Out of  
sight of land a ship's geographical po-  
sition is determined either by keeping  
a careful record of the course steered  
and the distance run, known as dead  
reckoning, or by the combined use of  
chronometer and sextant—that is, by  
observation of the heavenly bodies.  
The operation of finding the latitude  
and longitude of observation can be  
performed in a number of ways, of  
which the simplest and most conven-  
ient is by measuring the altitude of the  
sun above the horizon at noon, as is  
indicated on the vernier of the sextant  
and spoken of at sea as "shooting the  
sun." An arithmetical computation by  
the aid of logarithms is thus quickly  
made which shows exactly how far  
the ship is north or south of the equa-  
tor, or, in other words, the latitude.

Finding the longitude, however, is a  
somewhat longer process. An observa-  
tion is made either in the forenoon or  
afternoon, the chronometer time of the  
horizon contact of the sun's image be-  
ing noted. A calculation is then made  
which gives the exact time at the spot  
where the ship happens to be, and, as  
the chronometer carried aboard shows  
the exact time at Greenwich, the prime  
meridian of longitude, the difference  
between the two expresses in hours  
and minutes (easily convertible into  
degrees and miles) the distance east  
or west of Greenwich.

Having thus, roughly speaking, found  
the latitude and longitude, a dot placed  
on the chart at the exact point where  
the lines of latitude and longitude  
cross denotes the ship's position.

**A MAN'S HAT.**  
Why Is It Always Regarded as a Fit  
Subject For Jokes?

"I wonder why it is," says a young  
gentleman who spends most of his lei-  
sure time studying human nature at a  
populous street corner, "that a man's  
hat is always regarded as a fit subject  
for jokes? Anything that happens to  
his shoes is a serious matter, and, al-  
though his vest, especially if it is out  
of the usual in design or color, is  
sometimes made the subject of pointed  
remarks, disaster to any other garment  
is regarded as a matter of sympathy.

"But if he goes to church and puts  
down his hat at the end of his pew,  
where somebody kicks a dent in it  
and he places it carefully beside him  
in a lecture room or theater and a  
preoccupied young woman comes in  
and sits down on it people laugh with-  
out seeming to feel the slightest sym-  
pathy for him or his sky piece.

"A man chasing his hat through the

street on a windy day will always at-  
tract a grinning, unsympathetic crowd  
ready to lay bets on the distance the  
hat will travel before he catches up  
or on the amount of damage it will  
sustain before it is finally recovered.  
and so irritated does the owner be-  
come when he finds his vicious dabs  
and grabs at it greeted with ironical  
applause that he generally forgets to  
thank the man who stops it by stamp-  
ing on it and hands it back. I be-  
lieve Joe Miller perpetrated jokes about  
chasing the hat, but the heavy fells  
and cocked hats of Miller's time did  
not lend themselves readily to joking  
purposes, for when those old fashioned  
headpieces were blown off they drop-  
ped to the ground and stayed there.  
A Panama, a stovepipe or even a derby  
may run and fly by turns from Broad-  
way to the postoffice and attract as  
much attention as a runaway team."—  
St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

**Soldiers in Battle.**  
Those who have taken part in a bat-  
tle have confessed that were it not for  
the shouting and the noise they would  
lose their nerves and run away. There  
is always an interval of cowardice in  
the soldier, but it is quickly overcome,  
and he fights grimly, unmindful of im-  
pending death. Bands were, of course,  
invented to raise the spirits of sol-  
diers. Martial music, whether from  
the drum or the bugle, has done a  
great deal in saving campaigns. No-  
body can fight in a cold blooded man-  
ner, and in the excitement of a gen-  
eral engagement the most nervous of  
fighters recover wonderfully.

**Using His Voice.**  
Eliza—Did you say Sam was makin'  
a lot of money out of his voice? Cloe—  
Sure thing! At de opera. Eliza—At de  
opera? Cloe—Yas; he calls de car-  
riages!—Yonkers Statesman.

**Friendship that flames goes out in a  
flash.—Young.**

**OLD CLOTHES IN AFRICA.**

The Natives Often Make Dreadful  
Mistakes With European Attire.  
The "ol' clo' man" is a familiar figure  
in American streets and one by no  
means without picturesque quality, but  
no American dealer in old clothes has es-  
tablished a business of such extent of  
interest as that of John Hyman of Lon-  
don, whose specialty is to purchase  
showy costumes and discarded military  
and official uniforms for disposal in the  
orient and Africa.

Even the retiring lord mayors of Lon-  
don have become almost by official tra-  
dition his customers, and the cocked  
hat, gold laced coat and knee breeches  
at which during one season London has  
gazed with awe in the famous pageant  
of the lord mayor's procession are  
likely the next season to delight the  
eyes of darkest Africa upon the proud  
person of a darkest African.

"I have visited most of the great  
oriental bazars and watched our goods  
being purchased," says Mr. Hyman. "I  
have seen blacks solemnly walking  
around with waistcoats buttoned be-  
hind instead of before and even men  
wearing ladies' costumes. I have seen  
enormously big fellows in clothes so  
small I could not imagine for the life  
of me how they got into them or how  
they could get out again unless the  
stitching gave way."

The Prince de Joinville when off the  
Gabon coast once received on his ship  
an official visit from two chiefs, father  
and son, who must, one would think,  
have been Mr. Hyman's customers.  
They were known as Big Denis and  
Little Denis, and each owned for cere-  
monial occasions a military uniform.

That of Big Denis was a French gen-  
eral's, which his wives managed to get  
him into. That of Little Denis was a  
hussar's, and its intricate cut, num-  
erous buttons, straps and buckles and  
painfully small size proved quite too  
much for him. He sent the prince a  
despairing message begging help, and  
a relief party of delighted midshipmen  
was sent to dress him and bring him  
aboard.

They fulfilled their errand; but, with  
the mischievousness of their kind, they  
so tightened every fastening of his  
overtight attire that the poor youth  
was nearly bursting with combined  
pride and suffocation when he arrived,  
and it was evident he could never be  
got out of his unwonted finery by any  
method less drastic than cutting him  
out.

Still, no manner of wearing a com-  
plete costume ever equals in comic ef-  
fect some of the savages' combinations  
of unrelated items. One venerable Af-  
rican chieftain received his European  
guests with an antiquated evening  
shoulder cape of pink flowered satin  
and spangles worn about his waist as  
an apron, while his white wool was  
martially crowned by a military hel-  
met.

Still another conducted important  
negotiations with an exploring party  
clad simply and impressively in a  
lady's large Gainsborough hat, a pair  
of cavalry boots and a necklace of  
glistering tin ornaments used to de-  
corate Christmas trees.—Youth's Com-  
panion.

**AMERICA'S OLDEST PIANO.**

America's oldest piano, now owned  
by Charles W. Gray, of Portsmouth,  
New Hampshire, has undergone  
many and varied vicissitudes dur-  
ing nearly a century and a half of  
existence. It was built in London,  
by Johann Lampe, in 1763, and 21  
years later was brought to the  
United States for John Jacob Astor.  
It was with difficulty that the  
strings were kept from rusting dur-  
ing the long passage across the  
ocean, and after its arrival in New  
York the much drier atmosphere  
caused the woodwork to crack. For  
nearly 40 years the piano remained  
in the Astor family, when it went  
into the possession of the father of  
the late G. Alex. Emery, of Boston.  
On the death of Mr. Emery, Sr., the  
piano passed to his son, and on his  
removal from Boston to Portsmouth  
he took the highly treasured instru-  
ment with him, and up to the time  
of his death, some few years ago,  
could not be persuaded to part with  
the valuable old relic. At the time  
of the World's Fair, in Chicago, in  
1892, a prominent piano manufact-  
urer, of Boston, who was desirous  
of securing a collection of uniques  
to exhibit there, went to Ports-  
mouth and tried by every means in  
his power to purchase the piano.  
But Mr. Emery, already then in de-  
cidedly straitened circumstances,  
positively refused to part with the  
old instrument. After his death,  
however, his effects passed into the  
hands of his landlord, and Mr.  
Gray, having occasion, one day, to  
visit the place, found the venerable  
old instrument doing duty as a table  
upon which were placed paint pots  
and various other articles. Know-  
ing well its historical value, and at  
the same time recognizing its  
ancient worth, Mr. Gray lost no  
time in obtaining possession of this  
interesting old pianoforte. Although  
a century and a half old, the instru-  
ment still retains its original tone,  
which very much resembles that of  
a guitar, and no modern make of  
piano or other instrument in his  
large collection is allowed to look  
down upon its early predecessor,  
which is entitled, Mr. Gray, be-  
lieves, to all the respect due to a  
pioneer in the musical world.

**LAWSUIT LASTS 340 YEARS.**

A final settlement has just been  
made in a lawsuit which had been  
pending in the Courts of the State  
of Oaxaca for 340 years. The dis-  
pute arose between the local au-  
thorities of the towns of Yodocome  
and Nunu over the question of the  
legal boundary line between the  
two villages. Both towns had titles  
to the same land, the conflicting  
grants being made by the Colonial  
Government. The titles held by  
private parties were also involved,  
and each town brought suit against  
the other for the land claimed to be  
justly due it. The suit dragged  
along for the first 100 years, one  
legal step after another being taken  
by the contending towns. Another  
century passed, and then another,  
and still the suit was undecided.  
During all this time the people of  
the respective towns were arrayed  
against each other in bitter enmity,  
and many have been the armed con-  
flicts that have taken place between  
the opposing factions. The father  
of President Porfirio Diaz was a  
native of Yodocome and stood high  
in the little country community be-  
cause of his mental ability. He  
took an active interest in the long  
pending suit, and during his life-  
time made every effort to get a final  
decision of the case. He was un-  
successful and the years dragged  
by. President Diaz gave the mat-  
ter his personal attention not long  
ago, and the ancient records relat-  
ing to the land grants and the con-  
flicting boundary were carefully  
examined. The matter was then  
laid before the people of the two  
towns, and after many conferences  
a settlement of the case was reached  
and the suit to Court was formally  
dismissed. It is said to have held  
a place upon the Court docket

longer than any suit in the world's  
history. The new boundary line  
between the two towns is to be  
marked by the erection of stone  
monuments. A great celebration to  
be held by the people of Yodocome  
and Nunu to commemorate the set-  
tlement of the dispute is to be called  
the "Feast of Peace."

**THE EYES OF THE EAGLE.**

You have all heard, no doubt, that  
the eagle, the hawk and other birds  
of prey can look directly at the sun  
without being dazzled by its light.  
If they had not this peculiar power  
they would be seriously handi-  
capped in their search for food.  
They do not, however, look at the  
sun with eyes in their normal con-  
dition. Nature has provided them  
with a thin skin, or membrane, in-  
side the eyelids, which they can  
draw down at will over the ball of  
the eye, thus protecting it, but not  
seriously interfering with its sight.  
But this is not the only provision  
that nature has made for their eyes.  
They have the power of adjusting  
the focus so that they can see as  
well at a great distance as they can  
hear the object. There is another  
unique provision that nature has  
made for birds about which ques-  
tions are often asked, and that is  
their ability to maintain their hold  
on the perch when they are asleep.  
Many persons suppose that it is the  
persistent action during sleep of  
the instinct of self protection, but it  
is not that at all. Running from the  
claws up into the leg are certain  
little tendons, which contract or  
shorten when the bird is sitting.  
The shortening of the tendons  
gathers in the claws so that they  
grasp the perch, and the grasp will  
not relax until the bird resumes its  
standing position. The hold on the  
perch, therefore, is really an in-  
voluntary action.

**HER SAD MISTAKE.**

The clubwoman closed her book  
on "domestic responsibility," and,  
with a tinge of remorse, went out  
on the lawn, where her children  
were at play, according to The Bo-  
hemian.

"Mary," she informed her child-  
ren's nurse, "I've neglected my  
young ones for the clubs too much  
these last few years, and I'm going  
to try to make amends. Now, this  
afternoon I intend to dress one of  
them with my own hands and take  
it for an outing in the park."

It was quite late that afternoon  
when the reformed clubwoman,  
after pushing a go-cart containing  
the youngster she had selected and  
prepared for its outing about the  
spacious public park for several  
hours, started toward home. She  
had hardly come within sight of it  
when the nurse rushed up, palpa-  
bly agitated.

"Oh, mum—!"

"The child's all right, Mary,"  
the mother announced by way of as-  
surance. "I humored it all after-  
noon with candy and fruit!"

"But, mum," cried the nurse, en-  
deavoring to regain her breath.  
"Mrs. Smith next door's been  
scared into a fit, the perlice has  
been notified and— Oh, Lawd,  
mum!"

"Don't act so, Mary! Why should  
you get so excited over that hysteri-  
cal Mrs. Smith?"

"You've gone an' took her child,  
Mum!"

**SWELLING IRON.**

The increase of volume from the  
heating and cooling of cast iron has  
been the subject of many tests,  
and it has been shown that the  
swelling may amount to as much as  
40 per cent. After heating in a gas  
furnace 27 times, the highest tem-  
perature reached being 1450 degrees  
Fahrenheit, a bar originally one  
inch square and 14.8 inches long  
was found to have grown to one and  
one-eighth inches square and  
sixteen and one-half inches long.  
This effect is suggested as an ex-  
planation of the trouble given by  
cast-iron fittings for superheated  
steam, which produces the same al-  
ternate heating and cooling.



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TERMS—\$1.00 PER YEAR  
IN ADVANCE.

Thursday, Aug. 6, '08.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, S. T. D., pastor. Sunday School at 8.45 a. m. Preaching every Sunday at 10 a. m. and 7.45 p. m. Junior Endeavor prayer meeting at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. O. E. prayer meeting at 6.45 p. m. Bible study meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. All are most cordially invited to attend the services.

St. James' Church, Lower Providence, Rev. F. S. Ballentine, rector. Morning service and sermon, 10.30. Sunday School, 1.45 p. m. Evening service and sermon, 3. Holy Communion, First Sunday in the month. All are cordially invited and welcome.

Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, Rev. F. C. Yeat, D. D., pastor. Services next Sunday at 10 a. m. Sunday School at 9. Junior Christian Endeavor at 2 p. m., and Senior C. E. at 7 p. m.

Evansburg M. E. Church, Rev. S. B. Garrett, pastor. Sabbath School, 9.30 a. m. Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Song and prayer service, 7 p. m.

Parish of St. Paul's Memorial P. E. Church, Oaks, Perkiomen, Audubon. The Rev. T. P. Ege, rector. Sunday services: Union Church, Audubon, 10.45 a. m., with Holy Communion first in month. St. Paul's, Oaks, 3.30 p. m., with Holy Communion third in month 8.30 a. m. Children's Evensong last in month 3 p. m. Sunday School 2.30 p. m. Vested choir. Free stutings. Cordial welcome. The rector, residing at Oaks, will be pleased to receive calls for visitation or ministrations. Address Oaks P. O.

United Evangelical Church, Trappe Circuit, Rev. Geo. K. Riffert, pastor. Services for the coming Sabbath will be as follows: The second quarterly conference will convene August 9th in the Trappe Church at 2.30; preaching Saturday evening at 7.45, and Sunday morning at 10 o'clock by the Presiding Elder, Rev. J. H. Shirey. The Lord's Supper will follow the morning service. Preaching in the evening at 7.45 by the pastor on the first of a series of Temperance sermons. Other services as follows: Limerick—Sunday School, 2 p. m.; C. E., 7.30 p. m. Trappe—Sunday School, 2 p. m.

Passenger trains leave Collegeville for Philadelphia: 7.03, 7.45, 11.30 a. m., 6.05 p. m. Sundays—7.11 a. m., 6.38 p. m. For Allentown: 7.45, 11.02 a. m., 3.07, 6.05 p. m. Sundays—8.30 a. m., 7.39 p. m.

## Home and Abroad.

—The summer of 1908  
—Will go upon record as a scorching,  
—And again, rain is very much needed.

—Moonlight nights.  
—The picnic season is at its height.

—The beautiful Perkiomen Valley is dotted with the tents of campers.  
—"Suppose, doctor, this opera doesn't succeed?" "My dear fellow, if it doesn't you'll never know it."  
—Smart set.

—Spring City milk dealers have formed an association for the mutual protection of themselves—and their patrons, they say.

—News miscellany and market report, page 6.

—Festival on the lawn of the Baptist church, Lower Providence, next Saturday evening, August 8.

—If folly were a pain, there would be groaning in every house.  
—Spanish.

—Struck by a hot liner in a baseball game, George Longaker, a Pottstown bank clerk, had his nose badly broken.

—A tree that affords these protection do not order to be cut down.—Arabian.

—Harvey Allebach, of Greenlane, has been elected principal of the new high school in Worcester township.

—By the death of an aged acquaintance in New York, Mrs. Mary Earnest, of Norristown, is heir to a legacy of \$10,000.

—M. H. Rhoads, of New Berlinville, raised the largest cucumber ever grown in Berks county, 36½ inches long.

—Mrs. Esther Keller, 99 years old, of Rockland, Berks county's oldest woman, still has good sight, has read the Bible 500 times and is the mother of 15 children.

—Worried by flies, the horse of John L. Schultz, a Pottstown baker, landed one of its hoofs in his jaw and nearly cut off his tongue.

## Birthday Surprise.

Mrs. Henry T. Spangler was given a very pleasant surprise party, Wednesday of last week, on the occasion of her birthday anniversary. Quite a number of relatives and friends gathered at the Spangler home to do honor to the lady on her natal day. After the usual felicitations had been exchanged a delightful time was spent on the lawn at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Spangler, this borough.

## Real Estate Transaction.

Pharon Leister, employed with G. F. Clamer, has purchased of Mrs. E. D. Lachman the old homestead fronting on Second avenue, this borough, for \$1700.

## Ex-Governor Sells Farm.

Ex-Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker has sold his farm near Dover to a Canadian for \$18,000. The farm was inherited from the Whitaker family, for whom the former Governor was named.

## Burgess Clamer Home from Europe.

Burgess F. J. Clamer, after spending several weeks in Europe, returned home on Saturday. As usual the Burgess immensely enjoyed his annual trip across the waters.

## Eight Picnics at Ringing Rocks Park, Saturday.

Eight Sunday school and other picnics were held at Ringing Rocks park, near Pottstown, last Saturday, August 1. The Rocks park is having a prosperous season.

## Matrimony.

July 30, at their home, "The Lanes," in Lower Providence, by Rev. William H. Lane, father of the groom, Miss Effie Miriam Williams and Granville Brown Lane were united in matrimony.

## Alumni Association Meeting.

The annual open meeting of the Alumni Association of public schools of Upper Providence will be held next Saturday evening at the Mennonite schoolhouse, near Yerkes, at 8 p. m. A special literary program will be presented. All invited.

## I. O. of A. Festival.

The I. O. of A., of Evansburg, will hold an ice cream and fruit festival at the corner of Evansburg road and Ridge Pike on Saturday evening, August 15. Ice cream, cakes, peaches and other good things will be served. All invited to be present.

## Will Improve Collegeville Hotel.

J. W. Holman, the new owner of the Collegeville Hotel, intends to extensively improve that property in the near future. The improvements will include the addition of a double or two-story porch, and the introduction of gas and hot and cold water throughout the building.

## Trinity Sunday School at Sanatoga.

The annual picnic of the Trinity Reformed Sunday School of this borough was held at Sanatoga Park on Wednesday of this week, the members of the school and their friends being conveyed in trolley cars. A baseball contest between the married and single men, during the afternoon, was an interesting feature of the day's outing.

## Ground to be Broken for Mr. Hallman's Residence.

Ground will soon be broken on the lot lying between Mrs. Lachman's premises and the Bank property for the house to be constructed for Thomas Hallman, Esq. The building will be of attractive design and will contain all modern conveniences. E. S. Poley, of Trappe, is the contractor.

## Almost a Centenarian.

Daniel Miller, residing near Congo, this county, will be 100 years old on Thursday, August 13, and continues pretty well preserved. He walks erect, talks natural and still enjoys life. The old centenarian never married, he never rode on a trolley or a railroad train, has never been far from home and attributes his longevity to careful living. A number of relatives and friends have arranged to give him a party on the occasion of his 100th birthday anniversary and no doubt he will have many visitors on that day.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by P. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## Purchased a Touring Car.

W. B. Barnes, of Philadelphia, who is occupying the house belonging to the Rimby estate in the upper part of the borough for the summer, has purchased a touring car.

## Special Election in Hatfield.

Electors of the borough of Hatfield will vote on the question of increasing the municipal indebtedness \$4000, with which to establish an electric light plant. The special election will be held on Saturday, August 29. The last assessed valuation of property in the borough amounted to \$250,520. The existing debt is \$6,700.

## Contract for Enlargement of Jail Awarded.

The enlargement and improvements to the county jail will be made by the Van Dorn Iron Company of Cleveland, Ohio. The contract for the work was awarded last week by the County Commissioners. The price is \$20,970. The work will include the doubling of the capacity of the new portion of the jail and the installation of a complete sewer system.

## Boy's Head Severed by Wheel of Locomotive.

Near the Longmead iron works, below Norristown, a shocking accident occurred Saturday afternoon when Charles Dewees, a lad of eight years and a son of Charles Dewees had his head severed from his body by a shifting engine. With a number of companions, young Dewees was walking on the railway tracks when he met his horrible death.

## Days for Registration.

Every male citizen who is otherwise qualified to vote must be registered on one of the fall registration days. These days are Tuesday, September 1; Tuesday, September 15, and Saturday, October 17. No man can vote at the Presidential election unless he shall be registered this fall, no matter how often he has been registered in the past. As every voter will want to take part in the Presidential election a note should be made of these important dates.

## Appointment of Constable and Tax Collector for Collegeville Deferred by the Court.

It was stated in a recent issue of THE INDEPENDENT that John H. Bartman had resigned as Constable and Tax-Collector of this borough and that a petition was being circulated in favor of the appointment of Frederick C. Prizer to fill the vacancies. Said petition, containing the names of quite a number of taxpayers, was presented to the Court Thursday morning by Thos. Hallman Esq. It is the rule of the Court to hold the filling of such vacancies under advisement for ten days, but in this instance the Court, advised by Mr. Hallman that there were no other applicants and that the collection of taxes had already been long delayed, appointed Mr. Prizer to fill the vacancies. A little later in the day came some unexpected developments. W. F. Dannehower, Esq., Solicitor for the borough, who, having been interviewed by Mr. Ebert, President of Town Council, appeared before Court and submitted the statement that Town Council, as a body, or some of the members of Council (upon this point there is conflicting evidence) desired the appointment of M. N. Barndt to the positions of Constable and Tax-Collector, for the reason that Mr. Barndt resides near Main street. And then the Court temporarily revoked the appointment just previously made and fixed upon August 11, as a date for a hearing of all parties interested. This information came as a surprise to those who had signed Mr. Prizer's petition, and to others, who did not know what had been going on; did not know that Mr. Barndt intended to be a candidate at the probable solicitation of one or two members of Town Council, or of other individuals. No special meeting of Town Council had been held to take action in the matter. On Thursday afternoon a second petition in behalf of Mr. Prizer, for submission to the Court, was put into circulation. That petition now contains 130 signatures—all voters and taxpayers. The highest vote ever polled in this borough was about 135, and the latest information is that opposition to Mr. Prizer will be withdrawn.

## Operation for Appendicitis.

Beginning of last week, I. P. Williams, dealer in gents' furnishing goods at Royersford, suffered a second attack of appendicitis. Mr. Williams was taken to the Medico Chi. hospital, Philadelphia, where he underwent an operation. His condition the latter part of last week was quite serious, though the attending physicians expressed their belief that he would recover.

## Aged Chemist Hale and Healthy.

Martin Hans Boye, A. M., geologist and chemist, of Coopersburg, Lehigh county, though 95 years of age, is still hale and hearty and is likely to reach the century mark. He graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1844. He has traveled in almost every civilized country in the world and at the age of 86 spent the summer in Honolulu.

## Successful Lawn Fete.

The members of the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Reformed church of this borough are to be congratulated upon the success of the lawn fete held on the lawn of the church, Saturday evening. Many Japanese lanterns threw a mellow light over the host that gathered to patronize the undertaking and enjoy a social hour or two. It was a pleasant event as well as one that contributed a neat sum to the treasury of the society. Ice cream, cakes, candies and fruits were served. The net proceeds will amount to about \$80.

## Grangers' Picnic in County Home Grove.

The picnic held under the auspices of Keystone Grange No. 2, of Trappe, in the County Home grove last Saturday, attracted during the afternoon a large number of farmers and the wives and sons and daughters of farmers, and others, and the event proved to be one of marked success. The speakers were listened to with close attention and the information imparted was illuminating, encouraging, and helpful. The members of Keystone Grange deserve to be applauded for the effort they exerted in affording those directly and indirectly interested in agricultural affairs an opportunity to meet together at a pleasant place and hear important subjects discussed. Captain H. H. Fetterolf, of Keystone Grange, presided, and cleverly introduced the speakers of the afternoon. Miss Frances M. Broomall, of Delaware county, spoke of the social and educational features of the Grange, and gave a number of illustrations to show how practical benefits have been derived from the mingling of farmers and their wives and sons and daughters for mutual pleasure and helpfulness at Grange meetings. Miss Broomall is a lady of culture and refinement and knows how to speak entertainingly. Mr. E. B. Dorsett, State Lecturer for the Grange, of Tioga county, evidenced a strong grip upon agricultural matters, and an intimate knowledge of Grange work. He presented facts and figures to show what the Grange, State and National, has accomplished in procuring just and useful legislation for farming communities, including free rural mail delivery and increased school appropriations—and dwelt with emphasis upon the shortcomings of the present Road law in this State and the extravagances involved in its application, as well as upon the inequalities of the present tax law. Mr. Dorsett delivered a very good address. After music by the Schwenksville band the chairman introduced J. M. Vanderslice, Esq., of Fircroft, this borough. Mr. Vanderslice's brief and vigorous address included some thoughtful advice to farmers as to the raising of crops and the keeping of dairies. He referred to some of his own experience in conducting his now fertile and attractive farm in this borough. A few timely and spirited remarks by J. S. Briggs, of the State Department of Zoology, closed the excellent program of speech-making of the afternoon, and brought to a close one of the most successful meetings of farmers in the history of Upper Providence township.

## She Likes Good Things.

Mrs. Chas. E. Smith, of West Franklin, Md., says: "I like good things and have adopted Dr. King's New Life Pills as our family laxative medicine, because they are good and do their work without making a fuss about it." These painless purifiers are sold at Joseph W. Culbert's drug store, 25c.

## Crescent Literary Society.

The following program will be rendered by the Crescent Literary Society in the Mennonite schoolhouse on Wednesday evening, August 12: Recitations, Sadie Detwiler, Bella Keyser, Samuel P. Reaver, A. T. Allebach, Susie Detwiler; readings, Stella Bechtel, Frank Gennaria, William Hunsberger, Mrs. Roy Parsons; vocal solo, Mrs. I. C. Landes; violin solo, Mrs. G. Dannehower; mandolin solo, M. G. Reed; vocal solo, Sara Bechtel; Gazette, A. R. Bechtel.

## Great Showing for Building and Loan Associations.

During the year 1907, 14,087 homes were built or purchased through the building and loan associations of Pennsylvania. The annual report of the State Banking Department on operations of 1400 building associations has been sent to the State printer and will soon be ready for distribution. There were 79 more associations in 1907 than in 1900, and their total assets were \$146,915,600, an increase of \$9,274,897 over the previous year. These associations have an army of 374,954 shareholders and 2,894,701 shares in force.

## Father Loses His Entire Family of Four.

The Royersford Tribune of last Friday says: Yesterday Helen May, aged two years, and Arthur L., aged 18 months, children of Harvey Slifer of Mingo, were laid to rest in Fernwood cemetery. The grim reaper has taken from the afflicted father his entire family of four since June 17, when he lost his first child by death. Closely following the child's death, on July 3, his beloved wife succumbed to the inevitable. The above is one of the saddest bereavements we have been called upon to chronicle in our history of newspaperdom and great sympathy from the entire community is expressed for the bereaved husband.

## Death.

Abram C. Kratz, a well-known citizen of Gratersford, died Wednesday of last week from the effects of a stroke of paralysis received at the supper table. His age was 87 years. His wife, Fannie Cole, and son Noah and daughter Kate preceded him in death. He is survived by the following children: Benjamin Kratz, of Bergey; Abram, of Skippack; Daniel, of Souderton; John, of St. Peters; Lizzie Anders, of Skippack, and Mrs. Mary, wife of J. H. Fisher, living at home. The deceased was an uncle to Misses Mary and Lizzie Kratz, of this borough, and C. Tyson Kratz, Esq., of Norristown. The funeral was held on Sunday morning; interment at Upper Mennonite church, Skippack.

## Municipal House Proposed.

The County Commissioners have in contemplation a plan for the establishment of a Municipal Hospital, or pest house, in Norristown, to afford treatment and care for persons afflicted with contagious diseases at the county-seat and in various sections of the county. Such a house or hospital would largely dispense with the quarantining of homes, ensure efficient treatment and prevent a spreading of dangerous diseases. The matter was brought to the attention of the Commissioners last week by Health Officer White, and a delegation from the local Board of Health, who laid great stress upon the importance of such an institution. It is the idea of the Norristown health authorities that the money thus annually expended would be almost, if not entirely, sufficient to support a County Municipal Hospital, where the patient could receive much better care and medical attention than he could receive in his own home. The chief cost would only have to be met once, when an isolated property for the purpose is purchased on the outskirts of the town. Much of the money that is now expended for outdoor relief and medical attendance by the Directors of the Poor could be devoted to the use of the hospital.

## Why James Lee Got Well.

Everybody in Zanesville, O., knows Mrs. Mary Lee, of rural route 8. She writes: "My husband, James Lee, firmly believes he owes his life to the use of Dr. King's New Discovery. His lungs were so severely affected that consumption seemed inevitable, when a friend recommended New Discovery. We tried it, and its use has restored him to perfect health." Dr. King's New Discovery is the king of throat and lung remedies. For coughs and colds it has no equal. The first dose gives relief. Try it! Sold under guarantee at Joseph W. Culbert's drug store. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

## PERSONAL.

Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Kreusen, of Norristown, with several friends picnicked along the Perkiomen, Saturday.

Claude Trexler, a former Ursinus student, now of Philadelphia, was in town Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Lachman and daughter Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bechtel and Misses Hattie Fetterolf and Esther Allebach attended the fifteenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Fry, in Norristown, Saturday evening.

Miss May Sterner is visiting her parents.

Miss Jennie Chestnut, of Philadelphia, was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Prizer.

Miss Nora Smull, of Philadelphia, was home over Sunday.

Editor Clayton of the Jenkintown Times-Chronicle automobilized to this borough Sunday afternoon and favored the editor and his family with a very pleasant visit.

Mrs. George Spangler, of Jenkintown, visited relatives in this borough, last week.

W. B. Fenton, of Philadelphia, visited his parents on Saturday and Sunday. He is spending this week at Delaware Water Gap.

Mr. Kirk Radcliff, of Prospectville, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Radcliff, of Eagleville, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Radcliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira B. Ashenfelter, of Philadelphia, are spending their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. John Ashenfelter, of this borough.

Mr. and Mrs. George Geist visited Ringing Rocks on Sunday.

Mrs. and Miss Fender, of Germantown, visited Mrs. Seaman, Sunday.

Mrs. Rankin and daughter, of Germantown, and Mrs. Heebner, of Eagleville, spent Saturday with Mrs. Sheridan.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Long, of King of Prussia, were guests of Misses Mary and Lizzie Kratz on Saturday.

J. C. Landis and W. P. Fenton spent last Thursday in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Fenton entertained on Sunday Dr. and Mrs. Carl Reed, of Chestnut Hill, Miss Alice Ligh, of Lebanon and Miss Phillippi, of Kansas.

Editor O. K. Roberts, of the Phoenixville Messenger, and Dr. Nelson, osteopath of the same place, called on the scribe and his family, Sunday morning, on their way to the old Lutheran church at Trappe. Editor Roberts is a springy 74-year-old and that facile pen of his betrays no diminution of intellectual virility.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fetterolf, of Brooklyn, N. Y., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fetterolf, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. F. W. Scheuren was the guest of Mrs. Charles A. Loder, of Arcola, Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Rittenhouse of Olivet, Michigan, where the Dr. has been for several years engaged in a college as a teacher of biology, are visiting relatives in Upper Providence.

Wm. Todd Sr., of Norristown, was in town on Monday and called at this office.

Mrs. Susan Ashenfelter entertained a number of relatives, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Wm. Rankin and daughter, of Germantown, Mrs. Ellen D. Heebner, of Eagleville, Mr. and Mrs. John Eschbach, of Boyertown, and Mrs. Elizabeth Sheridan were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Ingram, Sunday.

## Diphtheria Outbreak Feared.

Residents of Jefferson county, Pa. are greatly wrought up over an expected outbreak of black diphtheria. Two women died in one day after a few hours' illness. A large number of people were exposed by visiting their home and an epidemic is feared. Health Commissioner Dixon has ordered an almost general quarantine.

## About a Lost Watch.

Three years ago Christian K. Augsperger, of Voganville, Lancaster county, lost his gold watch while at work in a wheat field. A search failed to reveal it. On Monday a son of Aaron Snyder, a neighboring farmer, was working in a field near the one in which the watch was lost and found the timepiece. How the watch got from one field to another is puzzling Augsperger.



## Equity Bill Filed.

Attorney William F. Dannehower, Saturday morning, filed a bill in equity in behalf of August Wiltmer against Charles Zeyher. The parties at issue are in the poultry business in Lower Providence. The prosecutor alleges that the defendant is not acting in accordance with the terms of the partnership agreement and asks that the court dissolve the partnership and appoint a receiver. Judge Weand granted a rule returnable August 11 at 10 a. m.

## Old Shoe and Boots.

Isaiah Zug, of Milton Grove, Lancaster county, is the possessor of a pair of Sunday shoes, which he has worn for the last thirty years regularly and which are still in an excellent state of preservation, and he expects to wear them longer still than a pair of new shoes of to-day will wear. He also possesses a pair of every day boots that he wore for thirty years and were half-soled but once. The shoes were made by Abram Ebersole, of Mastersonville, now deceased.

## This Cow Did the Unexpected Thing.

A marketman of Union City, Erie county, who recently purchased a cow and calf of Daniel McQueen, of Pleasant Hill, got in a mix-up when he tied the cow at the rear end of his rig and put the calf up in the rack and started for Cambridge, supposing he had learned how to lead a cow. When he drove out to the road from McQueen's, turning toward Cambridge, the cow started in another direction, upsetting the rig, and the calf took a frolic back through the fields to the barn. The marketman wasn't hurt.

## Rapid Growth of Grape Vine.

Five weeks ago Henry Hess, of near Halfville, Lancaster county, cut off an old grape vine close to the ground. A new shoot sprung up and in that time grew to the amazing length of twelve feet, or at the rate of almost two and one-half feet per week. The vine is covered with foliage, some leaves measuring thirteen inches in diameter. Mr. Hess is a close observer of nature, but in the eighty years of his lifetime he has never yet heard of or seen such a speedy growth.

## Appointments at Ursinus College.

During the summer the officers of the College have been busy strengthening the organization and laying plans for larger and still more successful work during the coming year. The Board of Directors in June elected the Rev. Frank F. Blessing of Buffalo, N. Y., Secretary of the College to work under the direction of the Finance Committee. Mr. Blessing was a class mate of President Keigwin in the theological seminary. He possesses exceptional ability for his office and will have strong support in the Finance Committee of the Board, composed of the Treasurer, J. T. Ebert, Rev. J. M. S. Isenberg, H. E. Paisley and H. C. Gresh. The department of Philosophy has again been filled by a resident professor, A. M. Caldwell, Ph. D., having been called to this position. Dr. Caldwell received his doctor's degree from Harvard, where he has been an Assistant in Philosophy for several years. The Board has called Professor Theodore Henckels from Middlebury College, Vermont, to the Modern Language department. He has been professor of Modern Languages at Middlebury for fourteen years and will add much strength to the faculty. Following his election to the professorship at Ursinus, Professor Henckels was appointed by the United States Immigration Commission to conduct an investigation for the Commission into the results of American public school education on foreign children. As this will require considerable absence from the college, the Board has appointed former Professor Aloide Reichembach to act as substitute professor until Mr. Henckels can take full charge, which will be about the middle of the year. Dr. A. B. Van Ormer has been appointed to a permanent lectureship in the department of Education. The attendance in both the College and the Academy will be much larger than in former years.

## In Bankruptcy.

Charles M. Todd, surviving partner of the firm of Todd & Son, Port Kennedy, Pa., has been adjudged a voluntary bankrupt, C. Henry Stinson, referee. Since the death of his father, I. Heston Todd, the son has made heroic efforts to so adjust his affairs as to keep on with the business of lime quarrying and burning; but after conferences with his creditors, bankruptcy was found to be the only recourse.

## Baseball.

Dame fortune still smiles on the camp of the local baseball team. On Saturday they won another close game, the Toboma A. C. of Pottstown being their opponents. It was one of those won-in-the-ninth-inning games that makes the national game so deservedly popular. In the last inning with one man out Collegeville scored three runs and won the game, 6 to 5. In the early stages the game was well played, both sides fielding faultlessly. In the fourth and eighth, however, the locals played loosely. In the first instance their opponents tallied twice and during the second slump, three times. In each of the fifth, seventh and eighth innings Collegeville succeeded in sending a runner across the plate, and thus at the beginning of the final period the score stood 5 to 3 against the home team. Schaffer was an easy out and Mitchell followed suit. Fredericks was safe on Brown's error but died when Harp put up an easy fly to Palsgrove. Robison was the first man up for Collegeville and secured a pass to first. Brown fled to left field and was out. Thomasson then took first on a base on balls. Frederick, the opposing pitcher hit Royer and thus the bases were filled. Faringer drove a hot one to the second baseman who fielded it to first. In the mean time Robison and Thomasson had scored. Toboma's first baseman missed his catch and Royer followed Thomasson across the plate, scoring the winning run.

Tuesday afternoon Collegeville was again victorious, this time trouncing the Springertown A. C. of Royersford, 15 to 5. For about four innings the game was close but then the locals got their bats working and soon had it cinched.

## Items From Trappe.

Mr. J. Ambrose Umstead and family, of Norristown, are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. J. Calvin Umstead.

Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Hench are spending a few days at Ocean Grove and other points along the coast.

Remember the excursion of the Lutheran Sunday School to Ringing Rocks Park next Saturday, August 8. First car will leave opposite the church at 8.30 a. m. Other cars will leave at 9 and 9.15.

M. H. Keeler, is painting the exterior of Squire Rimby's residence, Collegeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kepler, of E. Greenville, and Miss Fry, of Norristown, were the guests of F. W. Shallop, Sunday.

Mr. Walter Miller and Miss Anna Miller, of Philadelphia, were the guests of M. H. Keeler, Sunday.

The annual services in the old and historic Lutheran church building last Sunday morning and afternoon were replete with interest to the hundreds of people in attendance from the vicinity and from abroad. The address in the forenoon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. W. O. Fegely, upon the parable of the loaves and fishes. In the afternoon Rev. C. C. Boyer, of Kutztown, spoke on the origin of the Bible. Good music was rendered by the choir at both services, the musical program including very acceptably rendered solos by Miss Gertrude Detwiler, Mr. Earl Moyer, and duets by Messrs. Moyer and Gotschalk and Miss Laura Bertolet and Mr. Horace Custer. These annual gatherings at the famous old church bring together every year many people whose memories are cemented to the incidents of home and church life that transpired in years long since gone by.

On Monday night of last week thieves broke into B. F. Schlichter's place and stole a considerable amount of tobacco, cigars, etc. Mr. Schlichter will be better prepared to give the rascals a warm reception if they visit his place again.

The worst about most young people is that they don't begin to think seriously about marriage until after it has happened.

## Excellent Health Advice.

Mrs. M. M. Davison, of No. 379 Gifford Ave., San Jose, Cal., says: "The worth of Electric Bitters as a general family remedy, for headache, biliousness and torpor of the liver and bowels is so pronounced that I am prompted to say a word in its favor, for the benefit of those seeking relief from such afflictions. There is more health for the digestive organs in a bottle of Electric Bitters than in any other remedy I know of." Sold under guarantee at Joseph W. Culbert's drug store 50c.

## Jottings From Limerick.

F. C. Poley is reroofing Warren Kugler's barn.

Two cows belonging to G. W. Kochersperger died last week.

Mrs. Elmira Tyson's horse died of colic the latter part of last week.

The "Albamarle" was crowded with boarders over Sunday.

A. P. Fritz is spending some time at Wildwood, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Poley visited Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Poley, near Linfield, Sunday.

Wm. March spent Sunday with his son Albert at Perkiomen Junction.

The U. E. Sunday School will excursion to Chestnut Hill Park on Saturday, August 22. Fare, round trip, 35 cents. Children, 20 cents. All invited to go along.

Misses Edna Kline and Carolyn Rambo returned home Sunday evening, after spending a delightful week at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Gallagher and son left here Monday for Virginia where they will remain for a few days.

Wm. Kline and Harvey Linderman spent Saturday and Sunday at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. George Treber, of Philadelphia, were the guests of S. Renninger and family, Sunday.

Mr. A. P. Fritz and daughter entertained a number of visitors from Pottstown and Reading, Sunday.

As to fish, the fishermen fared fairly well on their trip to Anglesea, but we know they did not look as happy when they returned as when the left. Of course, we all know the reason and can account for the sad look on their faces upon their return.

## FROM OAKS.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Port Providence will hold the regular monthly meeting of the organization at the home of Mrs. C. F. McKee, Wednesday, August 12, at 2.30 p. m. The exercises will be devotional. A quarterly business meeting and encouraging notes from those interested in the cause.

The Oaks Fire Company will hold a watermelon and fruit festival on their grounds on Saturday evening, August 8. Of course everybody is invited to attend and everybody will enjoy a good time should they attend. Ground has been broken for the fire house, and as it takes money to build, why this is one way of getting at the public to assist and make it a success, as they will receive full value for all coin left at the festival. Good cream, good cakes, good peaches, and good water-millets. The fire hall is to be completed by November 1, and it will not be necessary to go to the schoolhouse for entertainments but to the firemen's hall. It is about time we were becoming to be somebody any way, and as money makes the mare go so does it assist to help the horse pass the judges stand on good time. There is a probability, a possibility—not of the weather bureau kind, however—that this end of the lower election district will be divided. If so, the election can be held in firemen's hall. However, everything is favorable for the building of a hall and a sure enough fire company here at Oaks, and if we are so fortunate as to escape any calamities by fire, we will boast of having a dandy fire company who, by their determination to have a fire company and firemen's hall, is an earnest should fire occur. The boys will prove themselves to be good fire fighters. But come around Saturday night and help the fire laddies along.

The wedding bells will ring in the grand and glorious month of October, the grandest month of autumn. Miss Ege, daughter of Rev. Mr. Ege, rector of Saint Paul's Memorial church, will be married in October to Mr. Dodson of New York city. The contracting parties are well known in social circles. Mr. Dodson is engaged in a lucrative business in Baltimore, Md. Miss Ege assisted her father in the services of the church as choir leader and was active in Sunday school work, taking an active part in the services; she will be missed.

An all-day Harvest Home meeting will be held at the Green Tree church Saturday, August 22. This is a little out of the order of former Harvest Home meetings as formerly services were held in the afternoon only. But this is to be an event of time and place when all day will be devoted to praise and thanksgiving, proving the gratefulness of hearts for the bounteous harvest vouchsafed to us by the Giver of all good. There will be preaching by a visiting clergyman at 10.30, followed by dinner or lunch, which each one is supposed to bring with them. Coffee however will be served hot by the ladies, and just here, speaking from experience, the ladies of the Green Tree church know how to make a rattling good cup of coffee. Its coffee, and will serve as a reminder of the Harvest Home meeting at

Green Tree, August 22, 1908. At 2.30 p. m. that grand old man, Joseph Fitzwater, will make an address; subject, Reminiscences of Green Tree. This will be well worth hearing, as Mr. Fitzwater has been identified with the church and place for many long years. He will be followed by Elder J. T. Meyers, pastor of Geiger Memorial church, Philadelphia. Rev. Meyers was pastor of Green Tree church for over a quarter of a century, and it will be a sort of home-coming for him. Singing of the good old hymns. Every effort will be made to make it enjoyable for young and old members of the church and neighbors. We might emphasize the fact that not only church members are invited, but everyone is welcome—neighbors and friends—as provision has been made to accommodate strangers with dinner. A good committee has been appointed to look after and feed the horses and care for all those who come with teams, and no one need feel but what their horses will be well cared for. There is one thing which demands particular notice and is highly commendable, and that is those who are aged who would like to attend this Harvest Home but whose infirmities are against them, a way has been provided to satisfy their desires, as a committee has been appointed to go after them and take them back to their homes after the meetings are over. Any aged persons who have no teams and no conveyance to get to this meeting and desire to attend, just drop a postal to John C. Dettra, Oaks, Pa., and a way will be provided for their conveyance to the meetings and to their homes. That's what we call charity. Faith, Hope, Charity, and the greatest of these is charity. Whoever heard of the congregation of Green Tree church being anything else but charitable. Their purse-strings are ever slack where help demands; and as goodness and mercy are given to them, so are they ready to give in time of need. All hail the harvest home at Green Tree on August 22. All hail the power of Jesus' name; gloria in excelsis.

The young men brag that if they do call on the young ladies on Lovers' Lane and stay a little late, they are not afraid to go home in the dark.

The flag factory girls held a picnic in Valley Forge park on Saturday and, like the old flag, 'twas a glorious event.

A. J. Brower is busy planting celery. Mr. Brower is a good trucker as well as restaurant keeper.

Mrs. George Brown and Doctor Joel D. Brown's wife indulged a trolley ride, going to Collegeville, to Pottstown, Boyertown, Reading, and Allentown, thence to Philadelphia.

They shoot deer up in the White Mountains with golf balls.

Some of our young people attended the party given by the Misses Major of Norristown.

The Y. M. C. A. camp has been vacated for next year.

Saturday, August 8th, the Oaks Firemen's Festival. Don't forget it.

Miss Edith Bard, of Reading, is the guest of Miss Catharine Harner.

The forty-second annual reunion of the 88th Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteers' Association will be held at Chestnut Hill park on Saturday, August 15, 1908. The first anniversary of the regiment was held on the battlefield of Cedar Mountain, Va., August 9, 1862, with Stonewall Jackson and his command as guests. There was no ice cream, but lots of shells cream, leaden chocolates and iron balls, for codfish cakes.

Job Cox has taken up his abode in the old house 'neath the pine tree. Keeping bachelor's hall.

Those who attended the Grange picnic are quite enthusiastic over the good time they enjoyed, and wonder why there are not more of them. Why not? The farmer is the mainstay of the land.

There is lots of news to impart, but we refrain, and wait the next chance to take a chance of what's going on down here; but it is sixteen to one we'll not be better prepared than now.

It was Johnny who said when he got big he'd buy a goat and have real genuine butter.

Governor Fort Has Broken Rib.

When Governor Franklin Fort, of New Jersey, was thrown from his horse two weeks while he was at the military encampment at Sea Girt it was not known that he had sustained any more serious injury than slight bruises. A few days ago he felt a soreness under his left arm, and upon examination it was found that a rib had been broken. W. G. Schauffer, surgeon of the Second troop, is attending the governor.

Prisoner Tries Suicide In Cell.

John Clifford, a prisoner at the county workhouse at Wilmington, Del., awaiting trial on a charge of breach of the peace, made a desperate attempt to end his life. With an eight-penny nail and a piece of glass about an inch square he made vicious jabs at his throat, cutting jagged wounds on each side, which, however, were not deep enough to result fatally.

30,000 Harvest Hands Needed.

The Manitoba government has announced that 30,000 men are needed to harvest the wheat crop in western

Canada, and has recommended to the governors of jails that all men now in prison for vagrancy and other minor offenses be released early next month on the condition that they work in the harvest fields.

Mitchell In New Position.

Secretary Ralph M. Easley, of the National Civic Federation in New York, announced that John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, would devote his entire time to the interests of the trade agreement department of the Federation.

Discarded Lover a Suicide.

Frank Ritter, of Port Jervis, scorned by his old sweetheart, Grace McLain, of Honesdale, Pa., and worked into a frenzy over her receiving attentions of another, killed himself with carbolic acid at her home.

Bismarck's Love of Nature.

Speaking of the country and the long walks he took daily, Bismarck said he loved nature, but the amount of life he saw awed him, and it took a great deal of faith to believe that an "all seeing eye" could notice every living atom when one realized what it meant. "Have you ever sat on the grass and examined it closely? There is enough life in one square yard to appall you," he said.—Lady Randolph Churchill.

Proud.

"So you enjoy seeing your boy play football?"

"I should say I do," answered Farmer Cortossel. "It makes me right proud to see him out there an' realize that he is the young feller I was once able to whip."—Washington Star.

Actions are the raiment of the man.—Herodotus.

## NOTICE-ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Collegeville Gas Company will be held in Firemen's Hall, Collegeville, on Tuesday, September 1, 1908, at 3 p. m., to elect Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of other business. By order of the Board of Directors.

G. F. CLAMER, President.  
W. P. Fenton, Secretary.

## FIRE TAX NOTICE.

The members of the Perkiomen Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery County are hereby notified that a tax was levied on July 1, 1908, of \$1.50 on each one thousand dollars for which they are insured to pay losses sustained. Payments will be made to the collector or to the Secretary at his office in Collegeville.

Extract from Charter: And if any member of the Company shall refuse or neglect to pay his or her assessment within 40 days after the publication of the same, 20 per cent. of the assessment will be added thereto; and if payment be delayed for 50 days longer, then his, her or their policy shall have become suspended until payment shall have been made.

The 40 days' time for the payment of said tax will date from July 25, 1908.

7-23. A. D. FETTEROLF, Sec.

## REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE COLLEGEVILLE NATIONAL BANK AT COLLEGEVILLE, IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, JULY 15, 1908.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....\$101,362.38  
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....132.81  
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....25,000.00  
Premiums on U. S. Bonds.....1,938.75  
Bonds, securities, etc.....65,135.81  
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures.....8,632.54  
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents).....613.30  
Due from approved reserve agents.....10,170.35  
Checks and other cash items.....88.66  
Notes of other National Banks.....690.00  
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents.....158.71  
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz: Specie.....\$4,273.15  
Legal-tender notes.....560.00  
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation).....1,250.00  
Total.....\$227,215.36

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....\$50,000.00  
Surplus fund.....5,000.00  
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....2,044.97  
National Bank notes outstanding.....25,000.00  
Due to other National Banks.....1,571.35  
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks.....2,952.57  
Individual deposits subject to check.....11,528.10  
Savings Deposits.....69,425.65  
Demand certificates of deposit.....1,692.42  
Total.....\$227,215.36

State of Pennsylvania, County of ss. of Montgomery,  
I, W. D. Renninger, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. D. RENNINGER, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of July, 1908.

JOSEPH C. LANDES, Notary Public.  
My commission expires January 28, 1911.  
Correct—Attest:  
A. D. FETTEROLF,  
W. P. FENTON,  
B. F. STEINER, Directors.  
Commenced business February 14, 1907.

WILL EXCHANGE.

New house and some building lots in town for unincumbered village property or a farm.  
A. J. C.  
7-9-11. Phenixville, Pa.

WANTED.

A girl to do general housework in a family of three; no children. Apply to EFFIE M. WILLIAMS, Collegeville, Pa.  
7-9.

I. U. TYSON,

Mason and Bricklayer,  
LIMERICK, PA.

Stone, brick, and cement work neatly executed. Estimates furnished and contracts taken. 4-30-3m.

F. C. POLEY,  
Tinsmith and Roofer,  
LIMERICK, PA. Roofing and spouting done; roofs painted. Repair work a specialty. Dealer in heaters, ranges, tinware, galvanized iron, etc. 6-18-3m.

FOR SALE.

Several 650 gallon round wooden tanks at a low price. Norristown Iron and Steel Company, Ford and Washington Streets, Norristown, Pa., dealers in scrap iron, second-hand machinery, pulleys, hangers, pipe, etc. 7-9-31.

## PUBLIC SALE OF

## FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 1908, at Perkiomen Bridge Hotel, 30 fresh cows, with calves, and springers, direct from Centre county. Gentlemen, I will have another lot of choice cows from which you can make your selections. Cows are scarce, but I managed to get another load on time. This is your opportunity. Sale at two o'clock. Conditions by J. W. MITTERLING.  
L. H. Ingram, auct.

## OPENING SALE OF

## OHIO COWS!

Will be sold at public sale on MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 1908, at Black Rock Hotel, 25 head of extra fine fresh cows and a few springers. This is an extra good load and will be sold. All in need of stock should not fail to attend this sale. Sale to commence at 1.30 o'clock. Conditions by WALTER BROS.  
Walter MacFeat, auct. I. E. Miller, clerk.

## PUBLIC SALE OF

## FRESH COWS!

## LOT OF SHOATS.

Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 1908, at Dunn's hotel, Gratersford, 28 fresh cows, with calves, and springers, direct from Lebanon county, and the finest lot of cows I have ever shipped to Gratersford. The lot includes a number of Holsteins, and one Holstein cow that weighs 1500 pounds. Also about 25 thirty shoats. Sale at 3 o'clock. Conditions by JONAS P. FISHER.  
F. H. Peterman, auct.

## PUBLIC SALE OF

## FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 1908, at Port's hotel, Limerick Square, one carload of fresh cows, with calves, and springers, from Dayton, Virginia. Also two stock bulls. The cows are well bred, good sizes and shapes, and big milk and butter producers. Remember the date, August 6, and don't miss the opportunity. Sale at 2 o'clock. Conditions by JONAS FISHER.  
F. H. Peterman, auct. A. P. Fritz, clerk.

## EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Nannie V. Raeyling, late of Lower Providence township, deceased. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to the same to make prompt payment, and those having claims against the estate will present them without delay to JOHN H. SPANG, Executor, Eagleville, Pa. 7-30.

## ESTATE NOTICE.

Estate of Mary Ann Fry, late of Lower Providence township, Montgomery county, Pa., deceased. Letters testamentary upon said estate having been granted to the undersigned notice is hereby given to all parties indebted to the estate to make prompt settlement, and those having claims against the same will present them without delay to S. B. HORNING, Executor, Collegeville, Pa. 7-16.

## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

The School Tax Duplicate for the year 1908, for the Township of Upper Providence, has been placed in the hands of the undersigned collector. All persons who shall within sixty (60) days from July 2, 1908, make payment of any taxes charged against them in said duplicate, shall be entitled to a reduction of five per centum from the amount thereof; and all persons who shall fail to make payment of any taxes charged against them in said duplicate on or before the 31st day of December, shall be charged five per cent. additional on the taxes charged against them, which will be added thereto. Correspondence to receive attention must in all cases be accompanied by postage fee reply.

The collector will be at the following places to receive said tax:

At Black Rock, August 20, from 2 to 6 p. m.  
At Mr. Detwiler's Blacksmith Shop, August 21, from 1 to 5 p. m.  
At Brower's Store, Port Providence, August 26, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
At Durham's, Mont Clare, August 26, from 3 to 6 p. m.  
At Mingo Creamery, August 27, from 2 to 5 p. m.  
At Lamb Hotel, Trappe, August 28, from 1 to 5 p. m.  
At my home, Green Tree, near Oaks, August 29 and 31, from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m.  
JOSEPH UMSTEAD,  
Collector of Upper Providence Township.

## WANTED.

Baled wheat and oat straw. Apply at Mattress Factory, 204 and 206 W. MARSHALL ST., 7-2-6t. Norristown, Pa.

## FOR SALE.

Fifty Rhode Island red chickens, cockerels and pullets; also White Wyndotte cockerels.  
J. F. KUHLMANN,  
7-23-2t. R. F. D. No. 3, Royersford, Pa.

## FOR SALE.

A lot of building stone and a nearly new corncrib. Apply to  
WM. HARRINGTON,  
Spring Valley Farm, Trappe.  
7-16.

ANTIQUA WORK FOR SALE.

One 7-foot lawn settee, 2 single chairs, flower vase. Price, \$30. Apply to 6-11. JOSEPH JEWELL, Trappe, Pa.

## FOR SALE.

A horse-power, threshing and cleaner, in good order. Will be sold cheap. Apply to SAYLOR & GLISSON, 6-15-3t. Near Eagleville.

## FOR SALE.

A farm of 54 acres in the borough of Trappe. Numerous springs of pure water; two streams of water running through farm. Enough fine building stone (easily quarried) on the place to build a town. A bargain in real estate. For further information call, Mondays or Tuesdays, Bell 'phone No. 45 M. Near Eagleville.

AT THIS OFFICE.

THRESHING AND WOOD-SAWING.

We will be ready, July 1, to do threshing and wood-sawing with gasolene engine power. Prompt and satisfactory work and reasonable prices. Apply to or address: S. S. Saylor & Glisson, Bell 'phone No. 45 M. Near Eagleville.



## Hunting a House

By FRANK H. WILLIAMS.

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Wilson jangled the big bunch of keys as he inserted one of the number into the lock of a door on a large empty house, turned the key and threw the door open.

"Step in, Miss House Hunter For Another," he exclaimed, with a magnificent wave of his hand.

Dorothy White laughed as she entered.

"I only hope Bertha likes the house we pick out for her," she replied. "Bertha's the first prospective bride I ever knew that couldn't find time to go house hunting herself. And Jo is just as bad. It's a wonder to me they ever found time enough to decide to get married."

"While we," assented Wilson, "not only have time enough to investigate innumerable dwellings for them, but also have so much leisure that we could get married several times if we cared to."

"Which we don't," the girl promptly cried. "I'm going to be a bachelor girl," she added, with a certain air of defiance.

Wilson laughed. "What," he cried, "a bachelor girl? And with those rose petal cheeks and those twinkling eyes and—"

"You mustn't say those things," Dorothy, blushing prettily, stopped him.

"It's a cousin's privilege," declared Wilson.

"But you're only a third cousin."

"That's a good enough excuse," declared Wilson and continued as though



"THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO NOW," he had not been interrupted, "and with those lips—those kissable lips!"

He advanced toward her.

"I've heard something more about cousins' privileges," he exclaimed.

The girl made a quick retreat across the length of the big room in which they were standing to the big bay window that overlooked the porch.

"This house seems almost too big," she exclaimed hurriedly. "It would take a lot of furniture to make it seem cheerful and a lot of people, too, I think. I—"

"I guess you don't like your little cousin," said murmured Wilson from his post across the room.

"Oh, pshaw, of course I do!" Dorothy exclaimed, laughing and blushing. "Don't be a goose!" She hurried on: "I'm sure Bertha and Jo wouldn't care for this place. Let's try another house."

"Plenty more to try," declared Wilson. "I've got the keys here for about a million and a half." And he jangled the keys again.

They left the big house, with its big rooms, big bay window and big veranda, and turned away. Wilson consulted a list which he had in his pocket and then directed their steps into a quiet, pretty, little side street where the houses were mainly cottages with miniature gardens and lawns in front and where a general air of homely coziness and comfort seem to prevail.

In the middle of one of the squares stood an especially attractive little home, with a tiny veranda and a tree or two in the front yard. The house seemed to have a saucy air, as though it were saying to every one: "I'm all nice and cozy. Don't you wish you were as comfortable as I am?"

The girl clapped her hands when she saw it.

"Oh, what a dear little house!" she cried. "Oh, I just love it!"

"It's one of those I've got a key for, too," said Wilson.

The girl clapped her hands again and, opening the gate, ran up the little path to the veranda, where, shading her face with her hands, she peered into the interior.

"It's just a dear!" she cried again as Wilson opened the door and she ran in.

From room to room she darted breathlessly; then, the inspection finished, she sat down on the third step of the stairs which ran from the hall to the second story.

"It's just the thing for Bertha and Jo!" she cried at last. "I know just how they can arrange everything. The front room they'll have fixed up nice and livable. Jo will have a big easy chair there by the window, where he can smoke and read in the evening, and the piano will be opposite the window, with its side to the wall, so that Bertha can play and yet see Jo while he smokes. And then that open fire—

think how cozy it will be for them in the winter!"

"Yes, that would be all right for some couples," said Wilson, "but honestly, Dorothy, do you think that Jo and Bertha with all their money would be content to begin life in a humble cottage like this, in the humble way you suggest?"

"Why, Harry, of course they will!" the girl exclaimed in a hurt tone. "When they see what a dear house it is they'll just fall in love with it, as I have."

"Maybe," said Wilson dubiously, "but it strikes me that it would be more suited to—well, say, for example, a couple like us—if we were married. The rent of this house can't be much, and I haven't got much money. You're in love with the house, and I'm in love with—it too. Now—"

"Goodness!" she exclaimed. "We'll have to hurry if we're going to investigate all those other houses!"

Somewhat sulkily Wilson locked the door of the little house. But he and the girl visited no more houses that afternoon, for Wilson very suddenly became converted to the idea that Bertha and Jo would be charmed by the little house, and nothing would do but he must see the real estate agent and secure an option on it. The girl demurred at this at first, but Wilson finally convinced her that Bertha and Jo would be mightily pleased at their action in securing such a desirable home for them.

The real estate dealer's office was finally found and the option secured. Then the couple started on their journey to Bertha's home, where they would acquaint her with what they had done.

"They'll be very happy there," said Dorothy somewhat wistfully as they left the office.

"Sure they will," assented Wilson. "Any one could be happy in a little house like that."

For some reason Wilson's mood had become rather joyous. He solicitously took Dorothy's arm and skillfully guided her through the crowds. It was becoming dusk, and the street lights were not yet out. They turned into a side street on a short cut to Bertha's home, which was a big, ornate affair. It looked blatant and uncomfortable. The little house from which Dorothy and Wilson had come by the comparison to them seemed much more desirable.

Bertha had not yet arrived when they entered, but a moment after they had seated themselves in the drawing room she flew in. As usual, she seemed very busy and was in a tremendous hurry.

"Oh, I'm so glad you came, people!" Bertha exclaimed. "I won't have to put you people to any more trouble trying to find a house for us. Jo and I managed to find time to look at one this afternoon. It is a nice big one, has large rooms and a big bay window, and we're just delighted to get it. The agent said you had been looking at it. Wait a minute until I take off my wraps."

She left the room. The two young people she had left looked at each other.

"And you've signed the option!" exclaimed Dorothy.

"Yes," said Wilson, suppressed and eager. "There's only one thing to do now."

"What's that?" asked the girl shyly and with averted face.

"Take the house ourselves."

When Bertha came to the door of the room a moment later she did not enter, as she had intended. She gave one look, saw Dorothy and Wilson standing in the middle of the room, very close together, and then she fled. As she fled, though, she heard Wilson say somewhat tremulously:

"Don't blush so, dear. It's a cousin's privilege, you know."

What He Enjoyed.

Mr. Makinbrakes was trying to say something complimentary to the distinguished actor to whom he had just been introduced.

"What I particularly enjoy about your acting, Mr. Strutters," he said, "is your perfect naturalness. You can take an old man's part, you know, without the slightest necessity for making up—that is, I mean you don't have to change your—your voice, you know, or—why, take it in that play I saw you in the other night, when you appeared as an old man. All you had to do was to be just your natural—er—self, though, of course, there were plenty of wigs and wrinkles you could have put on if you had—er—needed them—which isn't quite what I was trying to get at either—for anybody could see how admirably you fitted the part, you know, without any—and all that sort of—what do you think of this new theory, Mr. Strutters, that a man can live on peanuts?"—Chicago Tribune.

Reciprocity.

Men are enlisted for the labor that kills—the labor of war. They are counted, trained, fed, dressed and praised for that. Let them be enlisted also for the labor that feeds. Let them be counted, trained, fed, dressed, praised for that. Teach the plow exercise as carefully as you do the sword exercise and let the officers of troops of life be held as much gentlemen as the officers of troops of death, and all is done. But neither this nor any other right thing can be accomplished—you can't even see your way to it—unless, first of all, both servant and master are resolved that, come what will of it, they will do each other justice. People are perpetually squabbling about what will be best to do, or easiest to do, or advisable to do, or profitable to do, but they never, so far as I hear them talk, ever ask what it is just to do. And it is the law of heaven that you shall not be able to judge what is wise or easy unless you are first resolved to judge what is just and to do it.—John Ruskin.

Two Wise Ones.

The young man carefully removed the cigars from his vest pocket and placed them on the piano. Then he opened his arms. But the young girl did not flutter to them. "You," she said coldly, "have loved before."—Chicago Record-Herald.

He Evidently Had One.

"What is a pessimist, pa?"

"A man who has a note to meet."—New York Press.

## ELIJAH AND THE RAVENS.

A Story Which Did Not Fit This Particular Minister's Case.

North Carolina probably never produced an abler preacher than Dr. Francis L. Hawkes, who once was pastor of Grace Episcopal church, New York. Short, thick set, swarthy, black eyed and black haired, he was a striking personage. He was not only a great pulpit orator, but considered the best reader in the New York episcopacy. His rather luxurious family deterred him from accepting a bishopric, which would have otherwise been tendered. One day a delegation from a Buffalo church waited upon him and invited him to accept a pastorate in that city.

"Well, gentlemen, other things being satisfactory, the question of acceptance narrows down to a business matter," said Dr. Hawkes. "What salary do you offer?"

"Dr. Hawkes," said the spokesman, "we recognize that you have a high reputation and are willing to be liberal. Our recent pastor received \$2,500, but on account of your standing we have decided to offer you \$3,500."

"My good man," cried the doctor, "do you know what salary I am receiving here?"

"No, sir."

"I get \$15,000 and this parsonage, and as I have an expensive family, I do not see my way clear to accept your offer."

The spokesman looked rather sheepish, but made another essay. "If we had known that, sir, we would undoubtedly have looked elsewhere, but you should remember that the work of the Lord must be done, and, as for providing for your family, you know the story of Elijah and the ravens."

"Now, my friends," responded the clergyman quizzically, "I have made the Bible my study ever since I was twenty-eight. I have read it through carefully and prayerfully over 100 times. I remember the raven incident perfectly, but nowhere can I find any reference to the Lord's providing for young Hawkes."

## THE CHARTER OAK.

Bells Told and Funeral Dirges Played When It Fell.

The charter oak of Hartford was a white oak. The story goes that when James, duke of York, ascended the throne of England and sent Andros to take away all colonial charters Connecticut alone refused to surrender hers. Andros was furious over this defiance, and Oct. 31, 1687, he returned to the assembly hall of Hartford with a body of soldiers and demanded instant surrender of the charter, which lay in a box on the table. A hot discussion followed. Finally Andros stretched out his hand to seize the disputed paper. Then the candles were suddenly extinguished, and the people who had gathered on the street outside rushed in a disorderly crowd into the hall. There was a period of wild confusion in the dark, and when the candles were finally relighted no charter was to be found. It had been removed by Captain Wadsworth and concealed in the oak, which ever afterward bore its name.

The oak was even then old. "When the first settlers were clearing their land the Indians begged that it might be spared. 'It has been the guide of our ancestors for centuries,' they said, 'as to the time of planting our corn. When the leaves are the size of a mouse's ears, then is the time to put seed into the ground.' The Indians' request was granted, and the tree, afterward becoming the custodian of the lost charter, became famous for all time. It fell in a windstorm Aug. 21, 1856, and so deeply was it venerated that at sunset on the day of its fall the bells of the city were tolled and a band of music played funeral dirges over its ruins.

At the time of its fall its circumference one foot from the ground was twenty-five feet, and it was estimated to be over 600 years old.—Kansas City Star.

Both Guilty.

The man who prided himself on his keen perceptions watched the witness on the stand with intensity and nodded his head vigorously at the closing words of the bewildered witness.

"That man's concerned in it," said the keen observer to his friend. "Didn't you notice how his eyes shifted around?"

"How about this next one?" inquired the friend.

"He's guilty of something," asserted the keen observer. "No man stares at people in that bold, defiant way if he has a clear conscience."—Youth's Companion.

A Model Servant.

Master—Here—er—has my whatser-name come?

Man—Yessir.

Master—Yes—well, then, hop over to th—er—that club with the silly name and tell Mr.—er—Thingummy I shan't be able to fix up that—er—um—d—y—see? And then get hold of that book—er—with the yellow cover and look out a train to—er—to—er—oh you know!

Man—Yessir.—Punch.

Two Wise Ones.

The young man carefully removed the cigars from his vest pocket and placed them on the piano. Then he opened his arms. But the young girl did not flutter to them. "You," she said coldly, "have loved before."—Chicago Record-Herald.

He Evidently Had One.

"What is a pessimist, pa?"

"A man who has a note to meet."—New York Press.

## HE WAS SCARED.

Why the Drummer Made Record Time Out of Pittsburgh.

"I am not a man to brag," said the Cincinnati drummer, "but I feel that I can honestly say that I was never real scared but one time in my life, and that happened a year ago."

When asked in a casual way to back up his statement with particulars, he continued:

"I was at a hotel in Pittsburgh. I had a room on the third floor, and in coming out of it on an occasion I bumped against a man who was passing. I was feeling in ugly mood that day and when the bump came I shot off my mouth at the stranger. He replied in kind, and I suddenly shot out my left and caught him on the point of the chin and dropped him like a log."

"And you thought you had killed him?"

"No. He lay there and snored like a seal, and I went downstairs and told the clerk he had better see to him. Three minutes later I had twenty different men around me begging me to fly for my life."

"But why?"

"Because I had knocked out a middleweight prize fighter who had won over thirty battles. Gee whiz, but when they told me who the chap was my knees gave under me, my mouth got dry as cotton, and I didn't stop for my grip. I was dusting across the river within ten minutes, and I didn't feel safe for the next three days. Lord, but think of it—a dry goods drummer who had never had a glove on knocking out a champion middleweight! Did I run? Well, I made record time, all right."—Chicago News.

A Little Mrs. Malaprop.

Bessie Green, a tot of seven, likes to use unusual words. In this she is a constant source of amusement to her relatives, with whom she frequently corresponds. On one occasion, while confined to the hospital, she received this note from her aunt:

I am delighted to hear that the crisis is past and that you are now convalescent. Yours, with affection, AUNTIE.

A few days later the aunt received a brief reply.

Dear Auntie—I have been very ill, but the nurse says she is delighted to tell you that I am now convalescent. Yours, with infection, BESSIE.

His Part.

Moggs was returning to the clubhouse when Wilson met him.

"Well, how did you get on today?" queried Wilson.

"I never saw better golf," said Moggs. "My opponent got away every drive, he hit every brassie clean, he approached up to the hole perfectly, and he never missed a putt."

"How much were you beaten by?"

"Beaten! I wasn't beaten. I won!"

—Pearson's Weekly.

His Corporations.

Weary Walker—Wot do youse t'ink uv me corporations, Tatters? Tired Tatters—Wot corporations? Weary Walker—Me shoes. I call them corporations because dey ain't got no soles.—Pathfinder.

Hope Still.

"I can safely say that no man ever attempted to bribe me, gentlemen."

Voice In the Crowd—Don't be downhearted, old chap; your luck may change.—London Telegraph.

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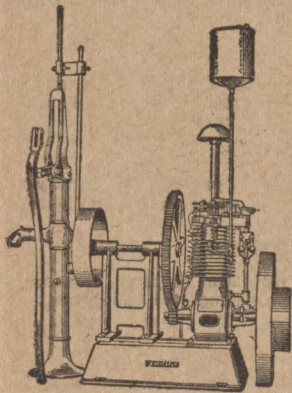
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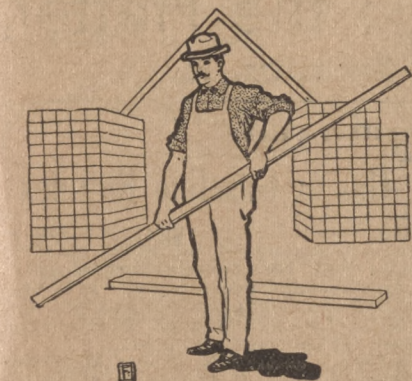
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## Saving Jimmie.

By LULU JOHNSON.

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"Paste her on the trademark, Skinny," urged the captain of the team. And Skinny, otherwise Master James Treadgear, being ever mindful of advice, "pasted" the sphere with such good effect that the ball sailed over the stone wall at the far end of the lot.

This changed jubilation into regret, for not even three scores brought in by the home run offset the fact that Skinny had knocked a fifty cent ball over the wall into the colonel's garden.

Billy Sniffen, who had been cajoled into lending his new ball to the "big fellows," some of whom were all of twelve years of age, let out a roar at the sudden disappearance of his property.

Balls that went over the high stone barrier which surrounded the property of the peppery Colonel Moulton were regarded as good as lost. None of the boys dared brave the wrath of the retired officer in search of lost property.

Colonel Moulton would have been regarded as an ogre by mediaeval youth, for he stormed and raved at children. The smaller lads firmly believed that he liked to kill children, and when dusk had fallen they hurried past his house lest he spring out and seize them.

Now, at the disappearance of the ball, the outfielders followed the base runners up to the home plate and joined in the volley of reproach directed toward the unfortunate Skinny.

"You told me to paste her," he reminded the scowling captain.

"I didn't tell you to knock her over the wall," was the scornful retort. "Poor Billy's ma'll lick him when he goes home without that ball."

This was an angle from which the unfortunate William had not hitherto viewed his loss, and it caused his grief to double.

"You better skip over the fence and get it," decreed the captain, and the gang shuddered.

Like a true despot, the captain could not be induced to alter his command, and, though he weakened perceptibly as they drew near the fatal wall, he affected a nonchalance he did not feel.



"I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT," DECLARED THE COLONEL.

and, bending over, he formed his hands into a stirrup, in which the trembling Skinny placed his foot.

With a heave the boy shot up until his fingers grasped the wall, but he could not hold and came tumbling back, carrying the captain to the ground with him.

"I can't do it," pleaded Skinny, but the captain was adamant.

"You gotter," he insisted, made heartless by a skinned elbow. "Get up there or we'll throw you over."

The threat had its due effect. Skinny, clinging shivering to the top of the wall for a moment; then he tumbled over on the other side, and in a moment the air was pierced by shrieks of agony so shrill and terrifying that the gang fled inconspicuously toward the street, with the doughty captain well in the lead.

As they reached the sidewalk and turned to reconnoiter Skinny's sister Lucy came down the street and paused to regard the boys inquiringly.

"Where is Jimmie?" she demanded of the captain.

The captain hung his head. "That's him," he confessed, with a jerk of his thumb in the direction of the spot whence Jimmie's screams still proceeded.

"We boosted Jimmie over the wall to get a ball he lost, and I guess the colonel's killing him."

The entrance to the stone encircled park of the Moulton place was on the other street, and with the gang trailing after her Lucy ran toward the gate. The boys were there before her, but made way that she might approach the dreaded portal. Every one of her attendants admired the courage and determination with which she pressed the button of the electric bell.

Her finger was still on the porcelain knob when the gate was thrown open and a young man, hatless and without his coat, appeared in the aperture. He started back as he perceived the excited group.

"Has any one gone for a doctor?" he cried.

"Is a physician needed?" asked Lucy, with slaking heart. It was worse than she had feared. The savage old colonel must have carried his punishment for

trespass to an excess that had resulted in serious injury.

"Some of you boys run for a doctor, quick," commanded the young man sharply. "The little fellow has a broken leg."

The entire gang raced up the street after the physician, and Lucy was left alone with the stranger.

"May I come in?" she demanded coldly. "It is my brother whom you have injured."

"You will be most welcome," was the courteous reply. "My father's household does not include any women, and I was somewhat at a loss to make him comfortable. I am Lieutenant Paul Moulton," he added by way of introduction. "My father is Colonel Moulton, and I am visiting him on leave."

"I am Lucy Treadgear," announced Lucy in response. "It is my brother, James, whom you have injured."

Moulton stepped aside to permit her to enter, and after closing the gate he led the way into the house, where Jimmie lay on a sofa in the library with the white haired old soldier leaning over him and trying to soothe his fear.

"He seems to be more frightened than hurt," explained the colonel as he gave place to Lucy, "and a broken leg is no joke at that."

"No wonder," was the indignant response, "when it is known that you have shot at several boys. It is fortunate that you did no more than break his leg—fortunate for you, I mean," she added in explanation.

"Bless your pretty face, I had nothing to do with it," declared the colonel. "As for the shooting, a few blank cartridges and my consequent bad reputation have been the salvation of my fruit trees. This little fellow will tell you himself that neither Paul nor I was in the garden when he fell and broke his leg."

Lucy looked inquiringly at Jimmie, who nodded.

"The boys pushed me up too fast," he explained. "I went right on over. And I didn't get the ball," he added inconsequently, "and Billy's ma'll lick him for losing it, and Don Fraser said he'd lick me if I didn't get it."

"I'll find it," volunteered the lieutenant, and he slipped out, leaving Lucy with the colonel.

"My bark is worse than my bite," explained the old colonel, with reddening face. "I had to do something to keep the boys from overrunning my garden, but I did not suppose that the grownups would take my threats seriously. I shall have to make Paul my deputy to clear my reputation."

The arrival of the physician interrupted the conversation, and presently the colonel himself tenderly carried the boy to the waiting carriage and insisted that Paul ride on the box with the driver in case he might be needed.

It was perhaps only natural that Paul should call frequently to ask after the invalid and that he should select Lucy as his first proselyte in his missionary work in behalf of his father. "Forty years in a garrison would ruin the temper of any man," he declared, "and you cannot very well blame dad for wanting to be let alone when he had the chance. He loves gardening, and the boys were wrecking his grounds. He simply had to scare them off."

"He was very effective in his methods," agreed Lucy, "almost too much so. For a moment I supposed that he really had broken Jimmie's leg."

"I wish that I could make you realize what a splendid father he is," said Paul, with enthusiasm.

"I do not remember my father very well," said Lucy reminiscently. "He died just after Jimmie was born. I was only eight."

"Let me share mine with you," offered Paul generously. "Will you, dear?"

From a clog of vantage on the far side of the street the gang watched the wedding procession emerge from the church and set up a shout as Jimmie, resplendent in white satin coat and knickerbockers, preceded the happy couple as their page.

"Jimmie looks like a stick of candy," declared the captain contemptuously, "but he's got an all right sister. There ain't many girls that would marry a man just to save their little brother from a man like Colonel Moulton. He was just goin' to kill Jimmie when she rushed in and said if he would spare Jimmie's life she would marry the lieutenant."

The gang looked with awe upon the brave bride, and Lucy, radiant in her new happiness, never realized that they were cheering her with such enthusiasm because she had sacrificed herself to fate to save her little brother.

**Saved by a Glove Button.**

At one of the Monson slate quarries a derrick man stood on the brink of one of the great chasms from which the slate rock is hoisted. His duty was to catch hold of the big hook depending from the end of the boom as it swung over the bank and attach it to the crate to be sent back into the pit. Standing upon the very edge, he reached out to catch the hook which dangled near him. It was winter, and he wore thick buckskin gloves. The hook slipped from him as he leaned out, but caught into the fastening of the glove. The swing of the great boom took him off his feet in an instant and carried him out into giddy space, with his life depending on the glove holding fast. His whole weight was hung on that button, and there was a clear 175 feet of space between him and the floor of the rock below. The moments that passed before the boom could be swung back over the bank seemed like hours to him, but he got there at last safe and sound.—London Mail.

**A WALPOLE ANECDOTE.**

To Save the Woman's Life She Couldn't Recall Who Told It.

"I heard a very funny story the other night about Horace Walpole," said Mrs. Blake. "I wish I could remember who told it. Henry, can you remember? Was it Mr. Sellers?"

"No," said Blake stiffly; "it wasn't Sellers."

"I wonder if it could have been Mr. Windsor?"

"No," repeated Blake; "it wasn't Windsor."

Before Mr. Blake had a chance to express an affirmative or negative opinion of that hazard as to the source of the Walpole anecdote Mr. Barton came in. Mrs. Blake, being by that time sure of herself, tried on him her recipe for winning universal affection.

"Oh, Mr. Barton," she said, "I am very glad to see you. I have hardly stopped laughing since I saw you the last time."

Mr. Barton, a cadaverous man with solemn eyes, looked rather foolish.

"Indeed?" he said. "May I ask what about?"

"Over that funny story you told about Horace Walpole," said Mrs. Blake.

"M-m-m—Horace Walpole?" stammered Mr. Barton. "I am afraid you must have got me mixed up with somebody else. I don't know the first thing about Horace Walpole, and if I did know anything funny about him I couldn't tell it. To tell a funny story is beyond my powers. Even if it was funny to start with it wouldn't be by the time I got through with it."

Mrs. Blake's spirits were somewhat dashed by her fiasco in finding an owner for the Walpole story, but she bore up courageously, and later when Mr. Markham came in she drew him out of earshot of Mr. Barton and dilated on the pleasure his story of Horace Walpole had given her. Mr. Markham was not cast in the funeral mold that gave to Mr. Barton his grave aspect, but he protested himself totally incapable of telling a funny story about Horace Walpole or anything else.

Presently Mrs. Blake left the room to prepare the sandwiches. Mr. Blake followed her.

"For the love of the Lord," he said, "don't make a fool of yourself again by trying to get some other idiot in there to father that Walpole story. I told you that yarn myself."

Mrs. Blake stood still, with carving knife poised in air.

"You?" she said incredulously. "And it was so clever too."—New York Times.

**A CHEMICAL FURY.**

Fluorine Is a Rabid Gas That Nothing Can Resist.

The fury of the chemical world is the element fluorine, although, strangely enough, it exists peacefully in company with calcium in fluor spar and also in a few other compounds.

Although this element was known and named a good while ago, it long resisted the efforts of chemists to isolate it—that is, prepare it in a pure state, unmixed chemically with other substances—for the instant the compound containing it was torn apart the free fluorine attacked and combined with whatever substance composed the vessel containing it. It was finally isolated by the great French chemist Moissan.

Fluorine is a rabid gas that nothing can resist. It combines with all metals, explosively with some, or if they are already combined with some other nonmetallic element it mercilessly tears them away from it and takes them to itself.

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Glass is devoured at once and water ceases to be water by contact with this gas, which, combined with its hydrogen, at the same moment forms the acid, glass dissolving hydrofluoric acid and liberates ozone.

Even hydrofluoric acid eats into and destroys every known substance except platinum and lead.—Exchange.

**Glaciers.**

It has been demonstrated that the glacier does not move in one block, but flows, accommodating itself to the channel in which it moves. Professor Tyndall planted a row of sticks in a straight line across a glacier, and after a few days the line had become a crescent, with the concavity upward, showing that the middle of the glacier moved faster than the sides, just as in a river the stream is stronger in the center.

**Her Mild Ambition.**

"You expect your boy to become a good man?"

The mother's face fell.

"He is not a brilliant child," she made answer doubtfully. "No, I think I shall have to be content if he attains only a moderate success—becomes a very rich man, say, or something like that."—Puck.

**A Scratch.**

"How does Mrs. Sleigh get on in the club?"

"Oh, she always comes up to the scratch."

"Of course she does—the cat!"—Kansas City Newsbook.

Some people only believe half of what they hear, and then invariably select the wrong half.—New York Telegram.



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INQUIRY leads to knowledge, and knowledge based upon the indisputable facts of human existence points the way to Truth.

WILLIAM B. ALLISON, who died on Tuesday, served Iowa in Congress for 43 years, of which 35 were spent in the Senate. He was a man of excellent character and attainments.

COUNT ZEPPELIN, in Germany, made a journey of 317 miles in his balloon-topped airship on Tuesday—the most remarkable performance in aerial navigation on record.

THE continued presence of an equatorial temperature encourages politicians at home and abroad to hunt shade rather than tramp about in the sunlight.

FROM the Detroit Free Press: There is just as much chance for the rising generation as there has been for any generation. Give them healthy bodies, well-stocked minds and a determination to succeed, and they will make their place in the world.

THE Quakertown Free Press completed volume twenty-seven last week. The Free Press, under the guidance of U. S. Stauffer, editor and proprietor, and of Fred A. Krauss, associate editor, is a well edited and interesting local newspaper, a publication that the people of Quakertown should feel proud of and loyally support.

THE recent announcement of the probable candidacy of Squire F. W. Shalkop, Republican, of Trappe, for Sheriff of Montgomery county, at the primaries two years hence, has met with the most cordial approval throughout the middle and upper sections of the county. His excellent qualifications for the position are admitted on all sides.

AT the Ellangowan coal strippings, near Shenandoah, Pa., a petrified leg of a man has been found. The limb is perfectly formed, although it is larger than the ordinary size. It is of stone and very heavy, requiring three men to carry it. Near the spot where the find was made several silurian brachiopods and numerous specimens of the carboniferous age have been unearthed.

PHILADELPHIANS rejoice, and verily for sufficient reason. The subway under Market street from 61st street to the Delaware—a gigantic undertaking recently completed at a cost of \$20,000,000—was opened to the public on Monday. Every expectation of the Rapid Transit management in the operation of its cars and the safe conveyance of a vast multitude of passengers was fully realized. A great achievement for Philadelphia.

REV. DR. LEIGHTON PARKS, rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, New York, tells this story of the late Bishop Potter: "It is known to a few that while still a young man Dr. Potter was called upon to deal with a parishioner who had become intemperate. In the course of the conversation the man remarked: 'But you also drink wine,' to which came the quick response, 'If you will promise never to touch intoxicants again, so will I.' The double pledge was given, and never broken on either side, and this at a time when Dr. Potter was pointed at by the comic newspapers as a 'wine bibber.'"

THE State Forestry Commission has closed the deal for 7,000 acres of land along Shade Mountain, Snyder county, buying the same from the Richard Budd estate and from Monroe H. Kulp & Co., of Shamokin. C. O. Dunlap, the title examiner of the estate, and James Middlesworth, forest warden of Snyder county, represented the State; D. C. Kase-man, of Shamokin, represented Kulp & Co., and Attorney B. Wilmer, of Sunbury, represented the Budd estate. This represents a very large tract of mountain land that had been under negotiations for a number of years. The State buys the land for the preservation of timber.

THE Mechanics' and Manufacturers' Association of Baltimore proposes to make the Eastern Shore section of Maryland, now hard to reach from the main part of the State, much more easily accessible by a bridge across Chesapeake Bay, from Baltimore. The type most favored is the bascule bridge, which can be opened and closed on the principle of the blades of a pocketknife, the ends going high in the air. Such a bridge is so weighted that slight power is needed to open it. The Baltimore Sun, in presenting argument for the bridge, says that if the plan is carried out Chestertown, which is now 107 miles by rail from Baltimore, will be only 32 miles.

COLLEGEVILLE needs more houses. A number of families are in quest of homes in this borough, and there are no houses to let—all occupied. This condition of affairs is to be deplored because it checks the normal growth of the town and prevents progress along lines of permanent development. The double house now in course of completion for Burgess Clamer was rented before the cellar was excavated. Will not some of our citizens unite in a concerted movement having for its object the building of substantial and attractive, though relatively inexpensive, houses for the accommodation of those who desire to make their homes in one of the most beautiful towns in Pennsylvania, or any other State? If a dozen houses would be erected renters or purchasers could easily be found for every house. Who will act?

A REPORT of the New York Labor Commissioner shows that out of a total of 387,450 members of organized unions 138,131 were idle at the end of the March quarter and 101,466 had been without employment during the entire three months. Reduced to percentages, 36 of each hundred wage workers were unemployed at the end of the quarter, and 26 out of each hundred had been so from the beginning of the year. This is not an encouraging statement, and doubtless applies also to Pennsylvania and other States. Abnormal prosperity begets its extreme on the adverse side, and it is not a matter of surprise that feverish conditions and inflated prices, and the overstocking of various manufactured commodities, rampant for several years past, should usher in a period of depression and stagnation. Moderate prosperity and slow accumulations of wealth by those who have the opportunity and brains to accumulate it, will eventually establish a greater economic equilibrium throughout the country. But not until the United States Government desists from the encouragement it now affords to an artificial and unjust system of filching values from the great mass of consumers for the enrichment of a relatively few individuals. In the meantime, the nation, as a whole, will pass through periods of get-rich intoxication and extravagances alternating with periods of depression and despair. Nations, as well as individuals, must expect to reap just what they sow.

JOHN G. CAPERS, United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and Dr. Crampton, chief chemist of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, have come to Europe on a mission which is of great importance to the farmers of the United States. This, according to a London dispatch in the New York Herald, is to study the methods of the manufacture of methylated, or denatured, alcohol and the use of the product. "When the law was passed removing the tax on denatured alcohol," said Mr. Capers, "the hopes of the American farmers ran high. Their expectations have not yet been realized, however, for they overlooked the fact that there was no use for distilleries on farms until the market had been established. In the second place they didn't know anything about operating such distilleries. The experiment station of the Agricultural Department will have in operation at Washington within sixty days a complete plant, and from each of the experimental stations and agricultural colleges throughout the country a man will come to learn the practical side, which will then be illustrated to the farmers. During the month we shall pass in Germany Dr. Crampton and I will study the methods of the manufacturers and see how methylated alcohol can be made at such a cost that will enable it to compete fairly with petroleum and other means of heating and illuminating. Of course, potatoes are cheaper in Germany than with us, and our people must be shown how to make alcohol not only from potatoes but from any cheap, starchy material."

## CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

Thursday, July 30.

Charles H. Moyer was re-elected president of the Western Federation of Miners by the convention in Denver. Thomas W. Symons, Corps of Engineers, was placed on the retired list of the army on his application, after more than thirty-seven years' service.

Mrs. Frank Pingham, wife of a homesteader near Bonesteel, S. D., cut the throats of her two boys, aged four and six months, and then committed suicide by cutting her own throat.

Attacked with heart disease just after he had emerged from the surf at Ocean City, N. J., William H. Wade, a contractor, of Richmond Hill, L. I., dropped dead on the sand in view of hundreds of boardwalk promenaders.

Friday, July 31.

The body of Rev. H. F. Fisher, of Norristown, Pa., who died recently abroad, arrived in New York on the steamer Teutonic and was taken to his Pennsylvania home.

James H. Budd, former governor of California and long prominent in Democratic politics, died at Stockton, Cal. after an illness of a fortnight, of uraemia, aged fifty-eight years.

While seated with her family at dinner at Toledo, O., Mrs. Luella Stick roth, wife of Conrad Strickroth, was overcome by the heat and died before medical attendance could be summoned.

Mrs. Estella M. H. Merrill, formerly widely known as a newspaper writer under the name "Jean Kincaid," and prominent also as a club woman, died at her home in North Cambridge, Mass.

Saturday, August 1.

Mrs. Thomas O'Donnell, of Woodbury, N. J., who was horribly burned by the explosion of a gasoline stove, died of her injuries.

After suffering for nineteen years from elephantiasis, Mrs. Anna E. Lynch, who weighed 510 pounds, died at her home on the State road, near McKeesport, Pa.

Leonard Hendricks, thirty-one years old, of Cranston, R. I., in the absence of his wife, killed himself and his two little daughters, Ann, aged five years, and Lillie, aged three years, by means of illuminating gas.

Monday, August 3.

Ten policemen with rapid-fire revolvers are killing stray dogs at Chicago.

A mob at Terry, S. D., a mining camp, almost whipped to death George Corey, who had beaten his wife while on the street.

President Bird S. Coler, of the borough of Brooklyn, will be a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in New York.

Caught by a mine motor in the Laws shaft, at Moosic, Pa., John Golden, a fifteen-year-old door boy, was nearly cut in two and died soon after reaching the Taylor hospital.

At the Bethlehem (Pa.) Steel works last week the semi-monthly pay roll was \$175,000 or \$2000 more than the last pay day, and the largest since last fall.

Tuesday, August 4.

President Roosevelt will not attend the national encampment of the Spanish-American War Veterans at Boston during the last week of this month, as has been reported.

Michael F. Kane, a hotelkeeper, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., died suddenly of heart disease while on his way on a Reading railway train from Atlantic City to Philadelphia.

During the month of July 669 babies under one year old died in Chicago, and most of these deaths, the health department believes, were the result of the ignorance of parents.

Wednesday, August 5.

Chicago reports three deaths and several prostrations due to the heat on Tuesday.

Charles W. Westerfeld, aged twenty-two, a clerk in the Produce Exchange bank, in New York, shot and killed himself in the basement of that bank.

Joseph D. Horner, formerly a member of the firm of J. D. Horner, Son & Company, straw hats, was found dead in bed with a bullet hole in his breast in his room at Baltimore, Md.

Robert H. Todd, who was Porto Rican delegate to the national Republican convention at Chicago, has been nominated by acclamation for the office of resident commissioner for Porto Rico at Washington.

## MARKET QUOTATIONS

The Latest Closing Prices in the Principal Markets.

PHILADELPHIA — FLOUR quiet; winter extras, new, \$3.40@3.55; Penna. roller, clear, \$3.65@3.75; city mills, fancy, \$5.75@5.90. RYE FLOUR dull; per bbl., \$4.20@4.30. WHEAT steady; No. 2 red, western, 96¢@96½¢. CORN firm; No. 2 yellow, local, 85½¢ @ 86¢. OATS firm; No. 2 white, clipped, 67¢ @ 67½¢; lower grades, 65¢. HAY quiet; timothy, large bales, \$15. PORK firm; family, per bbl., \$18.50. BEEF steady; beef hams, per bbl., \$27@28. P. OULTRY: Live firm; hens, 13½¢@14¢; old roosters, 10¢. Dressed steady; choice fowls, 14¢; old roosters, 10¢. BUTTER steady; extra creamery, 26½¢. EGGS firm; selected, 24¢@25¢; nearby, 21¢; western, 21¢. POTATOES firm; new, per bbl., \$2@2.50.

BALTIMORE — WHEAT strong and higher; No. 2 spot, 94½¢ @ 95½¢; No. 2 spot, 94½¢ @ 95½¢; southern, 93½¢@94½¢. CORN firm; mixed spot, 81¢. OATS firm; white, No. 2, 64¢@64½¢; No. 3, 63¢@63½¢; No. 4, 61¢@62¢; mixed, No. 2, 61½¢ @ 62¢; No. 3, 60¢@61¢. BUTTER steady; creamery separator extras, 24¢; held, 19¢@20¢; prints, 25¢@26¢; Maryland and Pennsylvania dairy prints, 16¢. EGGS fairly firm; fancy Maryland, Penna. and Virginia, 18½¢@19¢; West Virginia, 18½¢; southern, 18¢.

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German Navigator On Twenty-four Hour Flight Above the Valley of the Rhine—Trouble With the Propeller Caused Him to Descend to Make Repairs, After Which the Trip Was Recommended — Averaged Twenty-nine Miles An Hour—Sailed Over Cities at Night.

Friedrichshafen, Aug. 5. — Arising from its floating dock on the dark green waters of Lake Constance, the great dirigible airship of Count Zeppelin was sent away for a twenty-four hour journey in the air to Mayence and return. Late Tuesday night the apex of the triangular flight had been turned and the monster of the air, with nose pointed southward, was reported speeding along toward Friedrichshafen, where it is hoped the journey will end. The airship averaged twenty-nine miles an hour. The flight to Mayence, however, was not an uninterrupted one, for something was wrong with a propeller while speeding along above the valley of the Rhine, and Count Zeppelin was compelled to bring the airship down to the surface of the river at Nackenheim, eight miles from Mayence, where repairs were effected. The dirigible again was sent on high and the trip that will prove a record one was recommenced.

The ship of the air rose majestically to a height of 400 feet and, crossing the lake, circled the town of Constance, then turning, retraced the path of its flight and, describing a perfect circle, passed over Friedrichshafen and then soared westward over the lake to Basle, on the Swiss frontier. Turning the vessel slightly toward the northwest, Count Zeppelin steered it over Mulhausen and then directed its flight northeasterly to Strassburg, thence following the valley of the Rhine northward to Mayence, a distance altogether of over 250 miles.

Everything was going smoothly when the trouble to the propeller occurred and somewhat impeded the progress of the airship, but when the balloon had been brought down Count Zeppelin found the defect so slight that he telephoned his secretary at his office in Friedrichshafen:

"We will start again and complete the trip."

His expectations were realized, for in less than four hours everything had been made perfect. A detachment of military engineers kept a curious public away from the balloon, to which they had gone out in boats. The people then gathered on the banks of the stream and sang patriotic songs and cheered for Count Zeppelin.

The airship rose again from the rapidly flowing Rhine and soared momentarily over the spot where her injury had been repaired and then turned her bows toward Mayence, where she passed over the gas-lighted city almost beyond the view of the populace, which had gathered in the streets expecting to witness the passage of the balloon.

Quickly the balloon left the town behind, soaring onward for a short distance; then, after executing a few manoeuvres, the airship was turned homeward. Whether it will follow the itinerary laid down by Count Zeppelin, retracing its outward path to Carlsruhe and thence flying southeasterly over Stuttgart to Lake Constance is not known.

## TREE HALTS MOTOR IN 300-FOOT FALL

Saves Lives of Bridal Party in Plunge Over Precipice.

New York, Aug. 5. — United States District Attorney Baker, of Washington, who successfully prosecuted the government land frauds in the northwest; his bride of two months and several friends who were accompanying them on their honeymoon, had an almost miraculous escape from death while the automobile in which they were travelling was running down a sharp hill on Walnut mountain near Liberty, N. Y., the machine got out of control and plunged over a precipice nearly 300 feet in height.

The machine, a big covered car, turned three complete somersaults in the air and lodged in the boughs of a tree thirty feet below the brink of the precipice. There it hung suspended, top downward, with the frightened occupants held prisoners in the enclosed top of the machine. All were badly bruised and frightened, but none was seriously injured with the exception of the chauffeur. His skull was fractured, one of his ears was torn off and he sustained other injuries. He was taken to a hospital in Liberty for treatment.

Those in the car with Mr. Baker and his wife were Dr. G. E. Jelfie, the alienist, who testified in the Thaw case and M. Mangano, of Washington.

## 125 ARE DEAD IN FOREST FIRES

Property Loss in Western Canada \$8,000,000.

## RUSHING RELIEF TO DESTITUTE

W. K. Vanderbilt's Stepson Killed in Auto Accident in France—Governor Fort Has Broken Rib—Cleveland's Estate Worth \$250,000 — Pastor's Wife Sues Rich Widow For Alienating Husband's Affections—Drowned While Fishing at Atlantic City. Boy Playing With Gun Shoots Sister.

The latest estimates of the dead in the Elk river disaster by bush fires which have been raging from Michel to Fernie, in Western Canada, is 125 persons. The property loss is \$5,000,000 in Fernie, making the total loss \$8,000,000, and 6000 persons of that city's inhabitants are homeless. The residents have been taken in trains to places of safety and are now destitute. Thousands of dollars have been sent by western Canadian cities to the relief of the destitute. Medical supplies are greatly needed.

Fernie, with its lumber mills and railway terminals, is wiped out. The fire is still raging around Hosmer and Sparwood, but Michel is safe, the wind having dropped. If a gale springs up that city will be again in danger soon. Seventy men in the camps of the Elk River company perished.

The exact number of fatalities may never be known, and there seems no way in the meantime of procuring an accurate list. Reports are conflicting. Reports received at Michel place the number of dead at Fernie at 102, with sixty-four others burned in a logging camp at Elk river. An unofficial statement said to have come from Fernie places the official list of dead at Fernie and the surrounding camps at 125, with the property loss at \$8,000,000.

Saturday night was a frightful one of excitement, and many heartrending scenes were witnessed. It was spent in getting many of the women and children on the trains and starting them for Cranbrook.

Many harrowing tales were told. One woman of West Fernie had just emerged from her home, which was on fire. She dropped dead of heart disease. Neighbors buried her in her garden, and then ran for their lives. In another part of the city an old woman, an invalid, was carried a short distance, but the heat became too great and she perished.

## Boy Shoots Sister Dead.

While he was playing with a shotgun at the home of his parents in Rensselaer, opposite Albany, N. Y., Cornelius Burdick, fourteen years of age, accidentally shot and killed his sister Helen, aged nineteen years. The young woman was sitting on a chair near the kitchen window, with her baby brother in her lap, at the time she was shot. The baby narrowly escaped being killed.

## Two Dead in Mine Explosion.

Two men were killed and three probably fatally injured at the Knickerbocker colliery of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron company, about one mile east of Shenandoah. The accident was caused by an inrush of gas in the gangway of the Buck mountain vein, which was ignited while the miners were blasting.

## Fatally Shot While Beating Wife.

While he was whipping his wife during a domestic quarrel, Frank Talmer was shot through the abdomen by Mrs. Talmer at Canonsburg, Pa. He was taken to a hospital, probably fatally injured, while the woman is at her home in an unconscious condition from her injuries.

## Child Ate Belladonna Tablets; Dead.

A little daughter of Professor Robert C. H. Heck, of Lehigh university, who is visiting his parents at Heckton Mills, near Harrisburg, Pa., found a box of belladonna tablets and ate several of them before being discovered. The child died in a short time.

## Stricken Blind Chasing a Hog.

While he was chasing a cross hog on the farm of William Steel, near Port Deposit, Md., John Davis, of Northeast, was stricken blind. A co-worker, George Ash, was bitten by the hog in the right knee, almost severing the kneecap.

## Harrisburg Pastor a College President.

Dr. John H. Harms, pastor of Tabernacle church, of Harrisburg, Pa., was elected president of Newberry college, Newberry, S. C., to succeed President James A. B. Scherer, who resigned to accept the presidency of Throop institute, at Pasadena, Cal.

## Fatally Stabbed Through Hole in Wall.

A man cut a hole through the wall of the room in which Leon Wilms lay sleeping at Hammond, Ind., and, showing a dagger through the aperture, fatally stabbed Wilms in the face and ear, and afterward escaped. The cause of the attack is unknown.

## Cleveland's Estate Worth \$250,000.

It became known at Princeton, N. J., that the personal and real property of the late Grover Cleveland amounts to \$250,000. Nothing in the will filed a short time ago indicated the value of the estate, and no public announcement of its extent has been made.

## DEATH CLAIMS W. B. ALLISON

Heart Failure Carries Off Iowa Statesman.

## NEWS SHOCKED FRIENDS

The Serious Illness of the Aged Senator Was Kept From the Public and His Death Came As a Great Surprise to His Friends—Was Unconscious When End Came—He Helped Nominate Lincoln For Presidency in 1860 — Gov. Cummings Announces His Candidacy For U. S. Senator.

Dubuque, Ia., Aug. 5.—United States Senator W. B. Allison, seventy-nine years of age, died at his home in this city. The immediate cause of his death was heart failure. The end came as a



WILLIAM B. ALLISON.

result of a serious sinking spell, due to a prostatic enlargement, complicated with kidney disease, and during a period of unconsciousness which had lasted since Saturday afternoon.

Two weeks ago the senator left his home in the city to escape the heat. He went to the home of Mrs. Fannie Stout, a friend of the family, living on the Asbury road a few miles from town. For a few days his condition seemed to improve, but he later began to grow worse. Medical advisers urged that an operation be performed to relieve the prostatic enlargement which was bringing his condition to a crisis.

Saturday morning the senator was brought back home. Soon afterwards he relapsed into a condition of semi-unconsciousness. Except for brief periods of partial recovery he remained in this condition until death came.

News of the serious illness of the aged senator was kept from the public as much as possible, and his death came as a surprise to his thousands of friends residing in this city. Only the more intimate friends of the family were aware of his critical condition.

## Sketch of Senator Allison's Life.

Senator Allison was born at Perry, O., March 2, 1829, the son of John and Mary Allison. His boyhood days he spent on the farm which was his birthplace. Reaching young manhood, he secured his education in Allegheny college, in Pennsylvania, and the Western Reserve college, of Ohio, in both of which schools he distinguished himself at winning high honors in all the branches which he studied.

Senator Allison was admitted to the bar in 1850. He was married to Miss Anna Carter, of Wooster, O., at Ashland, O., in February, 1854. From 1850 until 1857 he practiced law in Ohio. In 1857 he removed to Dubuque, where he took up the practice of law.

Senator Allison was a delegate to the national Republican convention in Chicago in 1860. He was a member of the governor's staff during the Civil War, and raised troops to fight for the integrity of the nation in 1861. In 1863 he was elected to congress and served continuously until 1871. In 1873 he was elected United States senator from Iowa and represented his state in this capacity until the time of his death.

In 1881 he was offered the position of secretary of the treasury of the United States by President Garfield, but declined to accept the office. In 1889 he again refused this office when offered him by President Harrison. For the third time he refused the office when it was offered him by President McKinley in 1897.

His aid in the nomination of Abraham Lincoln as Republican candidate for president in 1860 was perhaps Senator Allison's first great service for his country. As an Iowa delegate to the Republican convention in Chicago in that year he joined the other party leaders who had determined upon the nomination of Lincoln, and by their united efforts their objects were attained.

On the ways and means committee of the national house he began the career which made him one of the best authorities in the country upon the revenues and expenditures of the government. For more than forty years he has been assigned by the judgment of his colleagues in the house and senate to the responsible task of planning the revenues and supervising the expenditures, and no man who ever had

part in this work had the confidence of both houses more completely.

To Senator Allison more especially than to any other man who ever occupied a seat in that body belongs the title of "Father of the Senate." He was not only one of the oldest men in that body, but he held the record beyond all others for length of service there. Senator Allison was, at the time of his death, and had been for a third of a century, a leader in fact as well as in name.

## Gov. Cummins Announces Candidacy.

Lake Forest, Ill., Aug. 5.—Governor Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa, announced himself as a candidate to succeed United States Senator Allison. The governor paid a glowing tribute to his late political adversary's services to Iowa and the country at large, then frankly declared his ambition to be elected to the senate by the legislature of his state. He also announced that "some one will be appointed at once to occupy Senator Allison's seat for the remaining months of his unexpired term."

## BRONSON HOWARD DIES SUDDENLY

Noted Author Passes Away at Avon-by-the-Sea, N. J.

New York, Aug. 5.—Bronson Howard, dramatist and author, writer of several plays which stand as landmarks in the American dramatic field, died of heart failure at Avon-by-the-Sea, N. J., after an illness of about a year. Mr. Howard went to the coast resort on June 25 in the hope that the sea air might benefit him. Mrs. Howard and several relatives were with him as he died. He was sixty-eight years of age.

Bronson Howard began his journalistic career in 1859, when he came to this city. He was connected at various times with the Tribune, the Evening Mail and the Evening Post. He practically retired from newspaper work in 1872, devoting himself largely thereafter to dramatic work. As a dramatist Mr. Howard was best known by reason of the successes of "Saratoga," "The Banker's Daughter," "Old Love Letters," "Young Mrs. Winthrop," "The Henrietta," "Shenandoah" and "Aristocracy."

## BURNED HER CHILD'S HANDS

Mother's Punishment to Make Little One Confess Theft.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 5.—Confessing that she had bound the hands of her four-year-old child with oil-soaked rags and set them afire, Mrs. Helen Nagy, 2775 East Seventy-first street, was sentenced to serve three months in the work house and pay a fine of \$50 and costs. The mother, with a three-week-old baby in her arms, stated in court that she had suspected the older child of stealing the last quarter they had for household expenses, and hunger and desperation had caused her to endeavor to make the child confess by this punishment. Neighbors rescued the child before she was very badly burned.

## BEAT HER CHILD'S ASSAILANT

Mother Severely Trounces Man Who Attacked Her Daughter.

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 5. — Wilson Jackson, a colored man, was arrested by the police after being half killed by the mother of a nine-year-old girl he had tried to assault. The man boarded at the home of Mrs. Edna Swan, and when the mother heard the child's screams she broke in a door. The man pointed a revolver at her, but she knocked it from his hand with a club and severely beat him before sending for policemen. The man required a doctor's services.

## Cleaned Out By Robbers and Lover.

Pittsburg, Aug. 5.—The house of J. T. Thornburg, at Swissvale, was ransacked by burglars, who carried off \$500 worth of booty. Then James Davidson, a young man of Butler, entered the Thornburg home and took away the family's greatest possession, Herbie, the young daughter of the pair. Mr. Thornburg, when he awoke, discovered the house had been robbed and entered his daughter's room to ascertain if burglars had taken any of her jewelry or disturbed her. On a dresser he found a note from the girl, telling of her flight with Davidson. A telegram confirmed the news in the letter. The marriage took place at Cumberland, Md.

## Lightning Kills Man at Work in Field.

Lewisburg, Pa., Aug. 5. — William Mowery, a farmer living west of town, was instantly killed by lightning while working in an open field. Not returning to the house, his wife sent their little daughter out to call him in. A few minutes later she came back shrieking: "Pop is killed." There was an ugly gash on his forehead and a red streak across his neck and down his leg. He is survived by a wife and two children.

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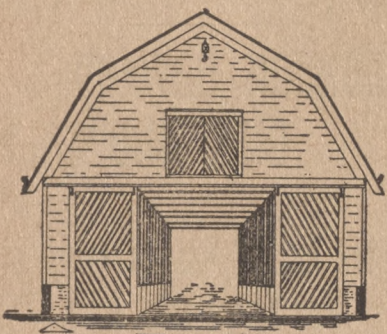
## Farm and Garden

### MODERN GRANARY.

A Practical and Economical Building For Storing Corn, Wheat and Oats.

Some writers tell us that the average farmer annually loses one-twentieth of his entire crops from the lack of proper buildings in which to store them and hold them for profitable prices.

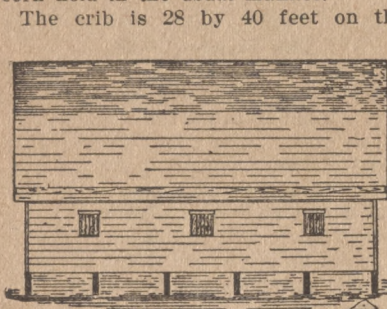
While the writer cannot vouch for the above statement, he does know that an improvement in the usual storehouse for grain, etc., on the average farm is not only desirable, but very necessary if the farmer would save to himself the profits on his prod-



FRONT OF GRANARY.

ucts that now go into the pockets of the grain speculator.

The illustration shows a plan of a granary for corn, wheat, oats and other grain built along practical lines, and wherever built it has proved entirely satisfactory. The main feature of this house is the lower floor. The outer walls are boarded or sided up tight, contrary to the usual manner of building a corncrib. The house sits about three feet above the ground on oak or cement posts, as the builder may desire. The floor of the crib is built of 1 by 4 inch or 6 inch slats placed one and a half inches apart. The interior wall is built in the same way. This allows a free circulation of air at all times, but keeps out all rain and snow. This, with the elevated floor, makes it entirely rat and weather proof. The driveway walls are boarded solid from the floor down to the ground. This allows the hogs and poultry to pick up any corn that may fall through. It is said that corn held in such a crib not only brings a better price, but that it does not lose in weight the same as corn held in the usual manner.



A SIDE VIEW.

ground and twelve feet to the eaves. The upper floor will hold several hundred bushels of small grain, and the two corncribs 8 by 40 feet will hold a large amount of corn.

Sliding doors are provided at either end, and a large ventilating window in the opposite gable ventilates the entire building. The driveway is used a part of the season for farm implements.—Farm and Ranch.

### Milk Powder.

The manufacture of milk powder has now reached a stage where the process is considered a success in a business way, and the trouble is to find a satisfactory market for the product. The greatest field seems to be in the sale of the powder made from separated milk from large creameries. The skim milk can be bought at a price which brings the milk powder to a very low cost. For wholesale purposes it can be packed in bags like flour at very little cost for handling and light cost for transportation as compared with the liquid milk. Large quantities are expected to be used by the biscuit and cracker manufacturers; also by the bakers and confectioners in the manufacture of milk bread, cakes and pies and such products. As it will keep for any length of time, it should find a market on shipboard and for other uses where a supply of fresh milk cannot be had. It is believed that a large business can be built up without interfering to any great extent with the market for fresh milk.

### 'Weedy Thoughts.

Kill the small weeds and you will never have large ones.

A dead weed never goes to seed. Mustard is better in the kitchen than in a wheatfield. Pull it up by the roots.

Persistence brings reward with Canada thistles, but it takes lots of persistence. Don't let the thistles seed. Sometimes it is well to salt them after cutting.

The best time to cut sweet clover is when it is in blossom. It is hard upon your tools, but harder upon the clover. Better hoe a cornfield four times when the weeds are small than once when they are big. It's cheaper.

It doesn't pay to cut burdocks with a hoe. Use a spade and cut deep.

Dragging corn either when it just comes up or at three or four inches will save lots of trouble later. Use a spike tooth harrow.

Do unto your weeds as you would have your neighbor do unto his.—Farm Journal.

### CUTTING TREES.

Economy Dictates That Saplings Should Not Be Felled.

It is worth while for farmers to pay a little more attention to their farm timber lots. Any one who has had to buy lumber lately knows that its price is almost prohibitory.

In fact, building operations on the farm as well as elsewhere have been greatly kept back by the high prices asked for all kinds of lumber.

Take a trip about the country, and you will see some things that will make your heart ache if you care anything for trees. In the mill yards of the east and middle west, where hemlock and pine grow, you will find little trees, hardly as large around as a stovepipe, waiting to be sawed.

Some of these will hardly make a 2 by 4 scantling.

If those saplings could have been permitted to stand a few years longer they would have been worth many times more than they are now. But the spirit seems to be to cut the trees down now and let them go for what they will bring. This is quite in line with much we do in other directions at the present time. The dollar we can get now is the dollar we must have. Tomorrow may look out for itself.

The farmer has it in his power to put a check to this waste. How? By cutting only such trees as are dead or beginning to die. The best farmers do this themselves, and if they rent their lands they insist that their tenants shall do the same. And then they may set out more trees.

If they are compelled to cut any live trees for building purposes, they may also set out other smaller trees to take their place. They may also fight fire, the worst enemy we have in our forests. They may work for better timber laws. And they may educate their boys to love the woods and try to keep them growing.

### CUCUMBERS.

They Need Plenty of Heat, Light and Moisture.

To grow cucumbers to perfection plenty of heat, light and moisture are required. They will thrive in any good soil not too heavy or sandy. Seed may be sown as soon as the danger of frost is past. Six or eight seeds should be planted in each hill, the hills being about six feet apart each way.

In the early spring seed may be sown in hills which are protected by glass covered frames. When the plants have grown to about four inches in height and there seems to be little danger of them being injured by insects or other causes they should be thinned out to about three plants in a hill.

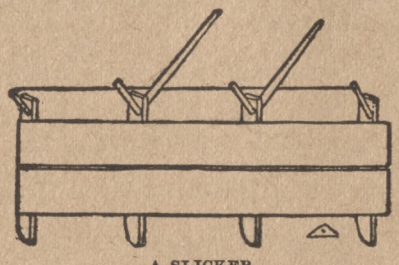
Frequent cultivating is needed until the vines begin to run freely. As cucumbers are subject to several diseases, the old vines should be destroyed or cleared away in the autumn, and the crop should not be planted two years in succession on the same land. The worst feature of cucumber culture is the insect pests, but these may be controlled by dusting with dry insecticides or even with bone dust.

Cucumbers for pickling should be gathered when quite small. They may be successfully preserved in brine, from which they are taken as needed, soaked in fresh water and placed in vinegar. There are many varieties, each good for a purpose.

### Eradicating Weeds.

In many sections of the west when the weeds get too large for the harrow, farmers use what is known as a slicker. The details of construction are shown in the accompanying illustration.

The slicker is usually about twelve feet wide, with four runners. The run-



A SLICKER.

ners are made of 2 by 6 inch or 2 by 8 inch scantling. Boards are nailed on top of the runners. An iron five-eighths of an inch in diameter is fastened at the back of the runners, so that it drags in the soil one to two inches below the surface. A thin bar of steel as long as the width of the implement, about two inches wide and sharpened on the front, is sometimes used instead of the iron rod. The bar is bolted to the bottom of the back of the runners.

The weight of the driver who rides the implement causes the rod or knife to run just under the surface of the ground. When the rod clogs it is dumped by lifting on the handles, shown in the cut. It works very nicely when the soil is smooth, finely pulverized and reasonably free from stubble and other trash. When the slicker is to be used care should be exercised in turning the stubble under well.

### Potato Rot.

A man who has tried the experiment claims that it is very easy to prevent potatoes from rotting by placing in different parts of the cellar in which they are kept a box containing a quantity of lump slack lime. He states that this lime absorbs the moisture which has such a detrimental effect upon potatoes and in his case has resulted in keeping his stock of this commodity always in good condition. The plan is simple enough and is well worth a trial by any grocer who has had difficulty in keeping his potatoes in a damp cellar.

### LYDIA DARRACH.

Loxley House, Philadelphia, Where She Played Eavesdropper.

One of the favorite stories connected with the Revolution is the tale of Lydia Darrach's patriotism, which story, like others of similar import, has been discredited by the discriminating historian. Notwithstanding the cold mouche thrown upon the tradition it remains popular with all who know it. The house where the famous eavesdropping on the part of the Quakeress took place is not so well known.

Those who have heard or read the story of Mrs. Darrach hardly need to be informed that she and her husband lived in what was called the Loxley house, once at the southeast corner of Little Dock and Second streets. Little Dock was the thoroughfare which runs in a southwestern direction from Dock street to Second street. The ground upon which the Loxley house stood was acquired by Benjamin Loxley, a well to do carpenter, who owned practically a whole square in this vicinity, from George Clymer in April, 1759, and the queer little house was erected immediately. It was a speculation, for there is nothing to show that the owner ever lived there.

The house gained its fame from its peculiar facade, which was unlike anything in the city, and from the anecdote which connects Mrs. Darrach with the place. The great preacher Whitefield is said to have addressed the multitudes from the balcony on either his sixth or seventh visit to this country—1763 or 1769.

The Revolution had long since been over and most of the patriots in their graves before the tale of Mrs. Darrach's bold adventure, which is believed to have saved Washington and his army from capture by the British, became known. In the first number of the first volume of the American Quarterly Review, issued in March, 1827, the tale was told for the first time. There it is credited to "Garden's Anecdotes of the American Revolution." The author of the story in the American Quarterly Review, however, must have had access to Major Garden's manuscript, for the story was not published in his book until the second series was issued in the latter part of the year 1828.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### STORIES OF TENNYSON.

Showing Some of the Odd Ways of the Famous Poet.

In the memoirs of the late William Allingham, the English poet, appear some interesting reminiscences of Tennyson. Allingham's first sight of him was at Twickenham, where Tennyson was then living. He says: "Soon came in a tall, broad shouldered, swarthy man, slightly stooping, with loose dark hair and beard. He wore spectacles and was obviously very nearsighted. Hollow cheeks and the dark pallor of his skin gave him an unhealthy appearance. He was a strange and almost spectral figure. The great man peered close at me and then shook hands cordially, yet with a profound quietude of manner. He was then about forty-one, but looked much older."

In 1886 Allingham visited Tennyson at the latter's home, Farringford, in Freshwater, Isle of Wight. One morning they were talking on the downs together, and Allingham said that he felt happy. Tennyson said gloomily, "I'm not at all happy—very unhappy." The reason, as Tennyson afterward explained, for his particular unhappiness was his uncertainty regarding the condition and destiny of man. Allingham was very anxious to photograph him on this visit, but Tennyson positively refused. "You make bags under my eyes," he said.

At another time during this visit, as Allingham writes, they talked of dreams. "Tennyson said: 'In my boyhood I had intuitions of immortality—expressible! I have never been able to express them. I shall try some day.' I said that I, too, had felt something of that kind, whereat Tennyson, being in one of his less amiable moods, growled: 'I don't believe you have. You say it out of rivalry.'"

Allingham describes Tennyson's fondness for strange antics, such as jumping round and round like a pigeon, and adds, "He is the only person I ever saw who can do the most ludicrous things without any loss of dignity."

### Feet of the Ancient Greeks.

A walk through the British museum and a close examination of the pedal extremities of ancient art there show they are all bad about the feet. "The Disk Thrower," a celebrated specimen, has particularly bad examples of incipient bunion joints. If the foot of the Farnese Apollo, used as a model in most art schools, represents the foot of the average Greek corns and bunions must have been common in that classical country.—British Shoemaker.

### The Earnest Word.

"You never can tell," observed Uncle Allen Sparks, "what lasting results may be accomplished by an earnest word spoken at the right time. Many a man has had the shape of his nose changed for life by calling another man a liar."—Chicago Tribune.

### Clever Retort.

"Yes, I am going to marry Mr. Bulion."

"Why, he is old enough to be your father!"

"I know he is, but unfortunately he doesn't seem to care for mother."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### Black Eyes.

Miffkins—It is said that aggressive, impulsive people usually have black eyes. Biffkins—That's right. If they haven't got them at first they get them later.—Exchange.

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